

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

April 25, 2018

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB 1488

By: Kidd, et al of the Senate and Wallace, et al of the House

Title: Wildlife Conservation Code; creating a lifetime landowner license. Effective date.

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House recede from all Amendments.
2. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES

  
Kidd

  
Jech

Boggs

  
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HOUSE CONFEREES:

General Conference Committee on Appropriations

Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 1488

By: Kidd, Bass, Paxton, Sparks,  
Murdock, Simpson,  
Leewright, Rosino and  
Pittman of the Senate

and

Wallace, Osborn (Leslie),  
Montgomery, Taylor,  
Kannady, West (Josh),  
Pfeiffer and Kouplen of the  
House

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.  
2011, Section 4-114, as last amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section  
4-114), which relates to hunting and fishing lifetime  
licenses; requiring landowner permits be available  
for purchase; providing fees and certain tag and  
license inclusions included with permits; terminating  
permit under certain circumstances; allowing transfer  
of permit under certain circumstances; directing  
Department of Wildlife Conservation to promulgate  
necessary rules; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 4-114), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the state for at least six (6) months and intend to remain residents may purchase lifetime fishing licenses, lifetime hunting licenses or lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses from the State Wildlife Conservation Director.

B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

1. Lifetime fishing license, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);

2. Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);

3. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00);

4. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);

5. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and

6. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying that the person is a disabled veteran may purchase a disability lifetime combination hunting and fishing license from the ~~State~~

1 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Director. The fees for the license  
2 shall be as follows:

3 1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for veterans having a  
4 disability of less than sixty percent (60%); and

5 2. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for veterans having a  
6 disability of sixty percent (60%) or more.

7 D. The use of the licenses provided in this section are subject  
8 to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the  
9 Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise provided for  
10 in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued pursuant to  
11 subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of all annual  
12 hunting licenses and all special season permits.

13 E. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a  
14 duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation  
15 for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

16 F. A lifetime licensee shall not lose the privileges of such  
17 license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

18 G. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1  
19 through 3 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a  
20 lifetime fishing, hunting or combination license, excluding a senior  
21 citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing  
22 license issued pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of  
23 this section and a disability lifetime combination hunting and  
24 fishing license issued pursuant to subsection C of this section,

1 shall be required to purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land  
2 Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession while  
3 hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime  
4 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).  
5 The fee for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:

6       a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be  
7       deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created  
8       in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire  
9       the obligations and related expenses as authorized  
10      pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma  
11      Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements  
12      on real property to be used as public hunting,  
13      fishing, and trapping areas, and

14      b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be  
15      deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created  
16      in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the  
17      Commission for management of the real property  
18      acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the  
19      Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the  
20      Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

21      2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
22      prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the  
23      Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.

1        3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or  
2 defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of  
3 Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife  
4 Land Stamp and Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee  
5 requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.

6        H. A person who is sixty-four (64) years of age shall be  
7 eligible to purchase a senior citizen lifetime license issued  
8 pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of this section  
9 during the calendar year in which the person turns sixty-five (65)  
10 years of age.

11        I. The fee for a lifetime fishing license, a lifetime hunting  
12 license, or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license  
13 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection B of this  
14 section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of age may be  
15 paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year period of time  
16 and in a manner determined by the Director. The lifetime license  
17 shall not be issued and become valid until full payment is received  
18 by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If the entire amount of  
19 the license fee is not received within three (3) years from the date  
20 the application for installment payments is submitted to the  
21 Department, all funds received shall be forfeited and shall not be  
22 refunded.

1       J. Landowner permits shall be available for purchase by a  
2 record owner of a tract of land and shall be valid for forty (40)  
3 years after purchase. The fee for these permits shall be:

4       1. Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for any tract of land  
5 five hundred (500) up to one thousand (1,000) acres. The permit  
6 holder shall receive from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife  
7 Conservation every calendar year the permit is valid:

8           a. twenty black, numbered plastic deer tags,

9           b. ten turkey tags which shall be in the form of plastic  
10 bands intended to affix to the wing of a turkey,

11           c. twenty small game hunting licenses assignable to  
12 persons the permit holder chooses, and

13           d. unlimited fishing licenses assignable to persons the  
14 permit holder chooses; and

15       2. Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) for any tract of  
16 land one thousand (1,000) acres or more. The permit holder shall  
17 receive from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation every  
18 calendar year the permit is valid:

19           a. forty black, numbered plastic deer tags,

20           b. twenty turkey tags which shall be in the form of  
21 plastic bands intended to affix to the wing of a  
22 turkey,

23           c. forty small game hunting licenses assignable to  
24 persons the permit holder chooses,

- 1           d. unlimited fishing licenses assignable to persons the  
2           permit holder chooses, and  
3           e. two antelope tags for areas authorized to hunt  
4           antelope.

5       K. Each landowner permit issued pursuant to this section shall  
6       terminate upon the death of the permit holder or the transfer or  
7       sale of the property; provided, a landowner permit shall only  
8       transfer whereupon the landowner bequeaths his or her permit to a  
9       devisee through a properly executed will pursuant to the laws of  
10       this state. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall  
11       promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this  
12       subsection and subsection J of this section.

13       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 2018.

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