

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 982

By: Murdock

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Wildlife Conservation Code; amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 4-114), which relates to hunting and fishing lifetime licenses; creating the legacy landowner hunting license; establishing parameters and fees; providing a time of expiration or termination of the license; requiring an annual report; providing for the transfer of the license through a will; requiring Department of Wildlife Conservation to promulgate 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 amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2018, 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, legacy landowner combination hunting and fishing licenses or lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses from the State Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Director; provided, nonresidents may

1 also purchase a legacy landowner combination hunting and fishing
2 license.

3 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

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

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

6 3. Legacy landowner combination hunting and fishing license for
7 any tract of land between five hundred (500) acres to one thousand
8 (1,000) acres, Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00);

9 4. Legacy landowner combination hunting and fishing license for
10 any tract of land one thousand (1,000) acres or more, Thirty
11 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00);

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

14 ~~4.~~ 6. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons
15 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);

16 ~~5.~~ 7. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons
17 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and

18 ~~6.~~ 8. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing
19 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-
20 five Dollars (\$25.00).

21 C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United
22 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying
23 that the person is a disabled veteran may purchase a disability
24 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 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise
10 provided for in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued
11 pursuant to subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of
12 all annual 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, legacy landowner, or lifetime combination
21 license, excluding a senior citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or
22 combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to
23 paragraphs ~~4~~ 6 through ~~6~~ 8 of subsection B of this section and a
24 disability lifetime combination hunting and fishing license issued

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

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

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

22 2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
23 prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the
24 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~~, 2 and 5 of subsection B
14 of this section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of
15 age may be paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year
16 period of time and in a manner determined by the Director. The
17 lifetime license shall not be issued and become valid until full
18 payment is received by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If
19 the entire amount of the license fee is not received within three
20 (3) years from the date the application for installment payments is
21 submitted to the Department, all funds received shall be forfeited
22 and shall not be refunded.

23 J. Legacy landowner combination hunting and fishing licenses
24 shall be available for purchase by a recorded owner of a tract of
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1 land at least five hundred (500) acres in size and located in
2 Oklahoma. The licenses shall automatically expire fifty (50) years
3 after the date of issuance. The licenses shall only be valid for
4 hunting and fishing activities on the land for which the legacy
5 landowner license was issued. The Department of Wildlife
6 Conservation shall issue up to twenty legacy landowner licenses for
7 tracts of land between five hundred (500) acres to one thousand
8 (1,000) acres in size and forty licenses for tracts of land one
9 thousand (1,000) acres or more to the landowner. The landowner may
10 assign licenses to other persons who are authorized to hunt and fish
11 on his or her land for which the licenses were issued by the
12 Department; provided, that each license assigned by the landowner
13 shall only be valid for the calendar year in which it was issued.
14 The landowner shall submit a yearly report to the Department. If a
15 landowner purchases adjoining land to the property for which the
16 licenses are issued, the licenses shall be valid for the adjoining
17 land provided the new property does not exceed the size limit of the
18 license and notification is provided to the Department. Each legacy
19 landowner combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to
20 this section shall terminate upon transfer or sale of the property,
21 except if a legacy landowner license is transferred when the
22 landowner bequeaths his or her license to a devisee through a
23 properly executed will pursuant to the laws of this state. The
24 landowner shall provide notice to the Department of Wildlife

1 Conservation upon sale or transfer of the land. The Department of
2 Wildlife Conservation shall promulgate rules necessary to implement
3 the provisions of this subsection.
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5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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