

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3640

By: Dempsey

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An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 7-304, which relates to wildlife refuges and wildlife management areas; increasing fine for violation; providing for suspension of privileges or revocation of license for subsequent violations; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 7-304, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-304. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, no person may enter upon any state or federal wildlife refuge or Wildlife Management Area with dog, gun or bow.

B. Exceptions to the above provisions are when the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission may by resolution permit:

1. The holding of field trials by duly authorized sportsmen's clubs; or

1        2. Such hunting, killing or trapping of wildlife from such  
2 refuge or Wildlife Management Area; provided, however, that Lake  
3 Murray State Park shall not be utilized for killing or trapping of  
4 natural wildlife and shall remain a wildlife preserve.

5        C. Any person convicted of violating provisions of this section  
6 shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~Twenty-five Dollars~~  
7 ~~(\$25.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than ~~One Hundred~~  
8 ~~Dollars (\$100.00)~~ One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by  
9 imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten (10) days nor  
10 more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment  
11 for the first violation. A subsequent violation shall result in the  
12 suspension of privileges to hunt, kill, or trap within such refuge  
13 or Wildlife Management Area.

14        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

15        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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