

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3640

By: Dempsey of the House

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4 Murdock of the Senate
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6 An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021,
7 Section 7-304, which relates to wildlife refuges and
8 wildlife management areas; increasing fine for
9 violation; providing for suspension of privileges for
10 subsequent violations; providing an effective date;
11 and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

23 2. Such hunting, killing or trapping of wildlife from such
24 refuge or Wildlife Management Area; provided, however, that Lake

1 Murray State Park shall not be utilized for killing or trapping of
2 natural wildlife and shall remain a wildlife preserve.

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

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

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

17 Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2022.

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20 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

21 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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