

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 4281

By: Dempsey and Sneed of the
House

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4 Murdock of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.
9 2021, Section 5-203.1, which relates to spotlighting;
10 allowing the spotlighting of coyotes; allowing the
11 use of night vision equipment to hunt coyotes; and
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 5-203.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5-203.1 A. No person may attempt to take, take,
17 attempt to catch, catch, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to
18 kill, or kill any deer, feral animal or other wildlife except fish
19 ~~and~~, frogs and coyotes by the use of a vehicle mounted spotlight or
20 other powerful light at night, by what is commonly known as
21 "headlighting". Provided, however, nothing in this section shall
22 prevent one from possessing a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or .22
23 pistol and a light carried while in pursuit of furbearers with
24 hounds during the legal, open furbearers season, while possessing a

1 valid hunting license. Furthermore, any person may use enhanced
2 night vision equipment to attempt to take, take, attempt to catch,
3 catch, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to kill, or kill any
4 coyote using a properly equipped rifle or pistol.

5 B. Any person may use a shotgun, using No. 6 size shot or
6 smaller, longbow, light and a call for the purpose of hunting
7 predatory animals, provided that written permission is obtained from
8 the local game warden for each twenty-four-hour period of hunting.

9 C. It shall be illegal to hunt from a boat with a firearm from
10 sunset until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise. This shall not
11 pertain to hunting of waterfowl enroute from bank to blind with
12 unloaded shotguns.

13 D. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, no person
14 may harass, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to take or take,
15 kill or attempt to kill any wildlife with the aid of any motor-
16 driven land, air or water conveyance. A nonambulatory person may
17 hunt from said conveyances with written permission of the Director
18 of Wildlife Conservation. A person may hunt from an air conveyance
19 if issued a permit pursuant to Section 1 of this act. Nothing in
20 this section shall prevent the use of motor-driven land or water
21 conveyances for following dogs in the act of hunting, when use is
22 restricted to public roads or waterways. Motor-driven land or water
23 conveyances may be used on private property for following dogs in
24 the act of hunting with the permission of the landowner or occupant.

1 E. Employees of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food,
2 and Forestry Wildlife Services Division and the United States
3 Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services while engaged in
4 wildlife management activities for the protection of agriculture,
5 property, human health and safety and natural resources shall be
6 exempt from the provisions of this section.

7 F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
8 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a
9 fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for a
10 first offense and not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a
11 second offense or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less
12 than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, or by confiscation
13 pursuant to Section 5-402 of this title or by such fine,
14 imprisonment and confiscation.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of March, 2022.

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