

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4   HOUSE BILL 4281

                              By: Sneed

7                               AS INTRODUCED

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

1 Furthermore, any person may use enhanced night vision equipment to  
2 attempt to take, take, attempt to catch, catch, attempt to capture,  
3 capture, attempt to kill, or kill any coyote.

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

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

12 D. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, no person  
13 may harass, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to take or take,  
14 kill or attempt to kill any wildlife with the aid of any motor-  
15 driven land, air or water conveyance. A nonambulatory person may  
16 hunt from said conveyances with written permission of the Director  
17 of Wildlife Conservation. A person may hunt from an air conveyance  
18 if issued a permit pursuant to Section 1 of this act. Nothing in  
19 this section shall prevent the use of motor-driven land or water  
20 conveyances for following dogs in the act of hunting, when use is  
21 restricted to public roads or waterways. Motor-driven land or water  
22 conveyances may be used on private property for following dogs in  
23 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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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, dated 03/03/2022 - DO  
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