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February 22, 2021

By: Murdock

An Act relating to nuisance wildlife; authorizing certain persons to hunt or kill prairie dogs without a permit; prohibiting persons convicted from controlling nuisance prairie dogs; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-135.2 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except during deer gun season, a private property landowner, lessee or their designated agent may control nuisance or damage by prairie dogs without a permit by hunting or killing such rodents during the day, and without limitation by statewide season regulations, bag limits or methods of taking to protect marketable agricultural crops, land or processed feed, seed or other materials used in the production of an agricultural commodity.

B. Any person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a violation of Section 5-203.1 or Section 5-411 of Title 29 of the

1 Oklahoma Statutes within the previous three (3) years shall not
2 control nuisance or damage by prairie dogs at night.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
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