

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1696

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to hunting and fishing; amending 29
8 O.S. 2021, Sections 4-112, as last amended by Section
9 3, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2017, and 4-113, which relate
10 to hunting and fishing licenses; allowing for
11 expiration of licenses one year after purchase;
12 removing certain expirations for licenses; clarifying
13 language; modifying fee schedule for certain legal
14 residents; updating statutory reference; and
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as
18 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2017, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the
21 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae
22 Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or
23 attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or
24 transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without
25 having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife
26 Conservation. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
27 designate a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each

1 year as free hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt
2 without first procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions
3 of this section.

4 B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt
5 from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of
6 subsection E of this section and the following nonresidents shall be
7 exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required
8 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section:

9 1. Legal residents under sixteen (16) years of age;

10 2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older
11 provided they have obtained a senior citizen lifetime hunting or
12 combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to the provisions
13 of Section 4-114 of this title;

14 3. Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;

15 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent
16 (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by
17 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the
18 veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this
19 paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be
20 required;

21 5. Legal resident owners or tenants who hunt on land owned or
22 leased by them;

23 6. Any nonresident under fourteen (14) years of age;

1 7. Legal residents having a proven disability which renders
2 them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as certified
3 by a physician licensed in this state or in any state which borders
4 this state;

5 8. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years
6 of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility as
7 defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

8 9. Any legal resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing,
9 trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to
10 take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized
11 rattlesnake-hunting event or festival and who has a rattlesnake
12 permit issued pursuant to Section 4-143 of this title.

13 C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife
14 Conservation Code, the nonresident hunting licenses issued pursuant
15 to this section and the fee for each license shall be:

16 1. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other
17 than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on December 31 of the
18 year purchased - One Hundred Forty-one Dollars (\$141.00).

19 Nonresidents hunting big game or combination big game and upland
20 game in a commercial hunting area shall be required to have this
21 license;

22 2. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other
23 than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on June 30 of the
24 fiscal year purchased - One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

1 Nonresidents hunting big game or combination big game and upland
2 game in a commercial hunting area shall be required to have this
3 license;

4 3. Gun hunting license for deer for nonresidents which shall be
5 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar year
6 deer gun season - Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00);

7 4. Archery hunting license for deer for nonresidents which
8 shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year
9 purchased or if purchased during the deer archery season it shall
10 expire at the end of that deer archery season - Two Hundred Seventy-
11 nine Dollars (\$279.00);

12 5. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for nonresidents
13 which shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current
14 calendar year deer primitive firearms season - Two Hundred Seventy-
15 nine Dollars (\$279.00);

16 6. Hunting license for antelope for nonresidents - Three
17 Hundred Five Dollars (\$305.00);

18 7. Hunting license for elk for nonresidents - Three Hundred
19 Five Dollars (\$305.00);

20 8. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other
21 than deer, antelope, elk, quail, turkey or bear - Seventy-four
22 Dollars (\$74.00); and

23 9. Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting small game
24 in a commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00).

1 D. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of
2 subsection C of this section:

3 1. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee of each license
4 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 7 of subsection C of this
5 section and Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of the license fee
6 for each license issued pursuant to paragraph 8 of subsection C of
7 this section shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition
8 Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this
9 title; and

10 2. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for each license
11 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 8 of subsection C of this
12 section shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be
13 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the
14 provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

15 E. Except as otherwise provided, the annual resident hunting
16 licenses issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire one (1)
17 year after the date of issuance. The resident hunting licenses
18 issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall
19 be:

20 1. ~~Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of~~
21 ~~age and older which expires on December 31 of the year purchased~~
22 ~~Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00);~~

1 ~~2.~~ Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of
2 age and older ~~which expires on June 30 of the fiscal year purchased~~
3 - Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00);

4 ~~3.~~ Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or
5 seventeen (17) years of age ~~which expires on December 31 of the year~~
6 ~~purchased - Four Dollars (\$4.00);~~

7 ~~4.~~ 2. Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or
8 seventeen (17) years of age ~~which expires on June 30 of the fiscal~~
9 ~~year purchased - Six Dollars (\$6.00);~~

10 ~~5.~~ 3. Ten-day hunting license for residents for small game in a
11 commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00);

12 ~~6.~~ 4. Five-year disability hunting license for residents of
13 this state for at least six (6) months who are receiving Social
14 Security Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits
15 or disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45
16 U.S.C.A., Section 231a, or residents who are one-hundred-percent
17 disabled and are receiving disability payments from the Multiple
18 Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section 31 of Title 85A of the
19 Oklahoma Statutes - Ten Dollars (\$10.00);

20 ~~7.~~ Gun 5. Annual gun hunting license for deer for residents
21 eighteen (18) years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00).

22 The following persons shall be exempt:

- 23 a. residents with proper certification from the United
24 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its

1 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
2 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
3 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry
4 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
5 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously
6 received an exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,
7 no registration with the veterans registry shall be
8 required, and

- 9 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
10 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

11 ~~8. Gun~~ 6. Annual gun hunting license for deer for residents
12 under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

13 ~~9. Archery~~ 7. Annual archery hunting license for deer for
14 residents eighteen (18) years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars
15 (\$19.00). The following persons shall be exempt:

- 16 a. residents with proper certification from the United
17 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
18 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
19 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
20 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry
21 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
22 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously
23 received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,
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1 no registration with the veterans registry shall be
2 required, and

- 3 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
4 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

5 ~~10. Archery~~ 8. Annual archery hunting license for deer for
6 residents under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

7 ~~11. Primitive~~ 9. Annual primitive firearms hunting license for
8 deer for residents eighteen (18) years of age or older - Nineteen
9 Dollars (\$19.00). The following persons shall be exempt:

- 10 a. residents with proper certification from the United
11 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
12 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
13 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
14 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry
15 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
16 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously
17 received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,
18 no registration with the veterans registry shall be
19 required, and

- 20 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
21 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

22 ~~12. Primitive~~ 10. Annual primitive firearms hunting license
23 for deer for residents under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine
24 Dollars (\$9.00);

1 ~~13. Hunting~~ 11. Annual hunting license for elk for residents -
2 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or
3 combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas shall
4 be exempt from this license;

5 ~~14. Hunting~~ 12. Annual hunting license for antelope for
6 residents - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game
7 or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas
8 shall be exempt from this license; and

9 ~~15. Bonus~~ 13. Annual bonus, special or additional gun hunting
10 license for deer for residents - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The
11 following persons shall be exempt:

- 12 a. residents with proper certification from the United
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
14 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
15 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
16 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry
17 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
18 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously
19 received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,
20 no registration with the veterans registry shall be
21 required, and
- 22 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
23 and upland game commercial hunting areas.

1 F. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of
2 ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph 1 and 2 of subsection E of this section, Five
3 Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma
4 Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife
5 Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of
6 this title.

7 G. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to
8 require a hunting license, resident or nonresident, of any person
9 merely because the person participates, as owner or handler of an
10 entry, as an official, or as a spectator in the conduct of a field
11 trial or performance test of dogs, whether a resident or nonresident
12 of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state. No license to hunt shall be
13 required of any person engaged in training or working dogs, provided
14 that person is in no way engaged in hunting and does not take or
15 attempt to take in any manner any game.

16 H. 1. Any person arrested for hunting game other than deer,
17 antelope, elk, bear or turkey without a valid hunting license as
18 required by the provisions of subsection A of this section may
19 purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license from the
20 arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter
21 safety certification will not be required for the temporary
22 substitute license. The fee for a substitute license purchased
23 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

24 a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
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1 b. for nonresidents, One Hundred Forty-five Dollars
2 (\$145.00).

3 2. Except as otherwise provided for by this subsection, the
4 fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this
5 subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to
6 be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and
7 protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

8 I. Any person producing proof in court that a current hunting
9 license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to that
10 person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be
11 entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon
12 payment of court costs. If proof of a current hunting license
13 issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time
14 of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district
15 attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the
16 charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

17 J. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by
18 subsection H of this section, any resident convicted of violating
19 the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition
20 of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more
21 than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in the county
22 jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both.

23 K. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by
24 subsection H of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating
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1 the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition
2 of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more
3 than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the
4 county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both.

5 L. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
6 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
7 section.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 4-113. A. Legal residents who are not the individuals
11 ~~excepted~~ exempted from the license requirement as provided in
12 subsection B of Section 4-112 of this title may purchase an annual
13 combination hunting/fishing license from the Director or agents of
14 the Director.

15 B. The fee for each combination hunting/fishing license issued
16 under this section shall be:

17 1. ~~For legal residents eighteen (18) years of age and older for~~
18 ~~a license that expires on December 31 of the year purchased - Forty~~
19 ~~one Dollars (\$41.00);~~

20 2. For residents eighteen (18) years of age and older for a
21 license that expires ~~on June 30 of the fiscal year purchased~~ one (1)
22 year after the date of issuance - Fifty-two Dollars (\$52.00);

1 ~~3. For legal residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of~~
2 ~~age for a license that expires on December 31 of the year purchased~~
3 ~~Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00); and~~

4 ~~4. 2.~~ For legal residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years
5 of age for a license that expires ~~on June 30 of the fiscal year~~
6 purchased one (1) year after the date of issuance - Eighteen Dollars
7 (\$18.00).

8 C. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of
9 ~~paragraphs paragraph 1 and 2~~ of subsection B of this section, Five
10 Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma
11 Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife
12 Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of
13 this title.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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