

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 773</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

The floor substitute to SB773 allows a property owner or lessee to hunt prairie dogs without a permit in order to control nuisance or damage done to marketable agricultural crops, land, or other agricultural commodities.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 773 creates an exception to kill prairie dogs without a permit, but does not specify which permit the exception is being created under. The most likely option is the hunting permit. According to officials at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the exception would create a fiscal impact, but the amount is unclear for several reasons. First, it would depend on how many people no longer seek a hunting license because they are willing to hunt prairie dogs only. Second, for each license not obtained, the Department knows it would lose \$25, plus possible \$75 loss in matching funds from other sources per permit. So while, the Department would feel some financial loss, the full impact of that loss is difficult to determine currently. But, as the Department of Wildlife is a nonappropriated agency, there should be no fiscal impact for the State. The floor amendment does not change the fiscal impact of this bill.

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**Other Considerations**

None.