

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1696

By: Treat

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall 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;  
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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);~~  
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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.
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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);  
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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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