

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL 352

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An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 5-213, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 5-213), which relates to air bows; expanding season; allowing for a physically disabled person to use air bows under certain conditions; and providing exception for certain season.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 5-213, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 5-213), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-213. A. The use of crossbows and conventional longbows with a device that permits the bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw⁷ shall be a legal hunting method during any open season when conventional longbows are a legal means of take.

B. The use of air bows shall be a legal hunting method during any open season when rifles, archery, or primitive firearms are a legal means of take, except as otherwise provided in subsection C of

1 this section. No person may hunt or take during the open season
2 with an air bow unless the person has first obtained a stamp issued
3 by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for a one-time fee
4 of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

5 C. 1. A permanently physically disabled person may use an air
6 bow as a legal hunting method during any open season.

7 2. A person using an air bow as a legal hunting method during
8 the archery deer season shall be limited to antlerless deer only.

9 3. A person may use an air bow as a legal hunting method for
10 nuisance wildlife or feral swine.

11 D. At such time as the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act
12 is amended to expand the excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition
13 to include air bows and air guns, the stamp pursuant to subsection B
14 of this section shall no longer be required, and authorization for
15 the continual use of air bows as a legal means of take shall be
16 established by rules promulgated by the Commission.

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