

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 4086

By: Wallace of the House

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4 Green of the Senate  
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6 An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021,  
7 Section 4-130, which relates to waterfowl hunting  
8 stamps; increasing certain age for certain  
9 exemptions; requiring certain licenses at certain  
10 age; creating certain licenses for specific  
11 residencies; determining price of certain licenses;  
12 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
13 emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-130, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife  
18 Conservation Code, no person may hunt or take any waterfowl during  
19 the open season on waterfowl unless the person has first obtained an  
20 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license from the Director or  
21 authorized agents of the Director. Each person shall have the stamp  
22 or license in their possession when hunting or taking any waterfowl.  
23 When a stamp is purchased, the stamp shall be validated by the  
24 signature of the licensee written across the face of the stamp.

B. Persons excepted from the Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp  
or license requirement of this section are:

1        1. Legal residents of Oklahoma under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18)  
2 years of age; and

3        2. Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-five (65) years of age or  
4 older.

5        C. ~~1.~~ The Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp fee and waterfowl  
6 license shall each ~~be Nine Dollars (\$9.00)~~. ~~The remainder of the~~  
7 ~~fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used~~  
8 ~~exclusively in the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing,~~  
9 ~~managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and~~  
10 ~~for the conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically~~  
11 ~~related species~~ be for:

12        1. Residents eighteen (18) years of age or older - Twenty  
13 Dollars (\$20.00); and

14        2. Nonresidents eighteen (18) years of age or older - Thirty  
15 Dollars (\$30.00).

16        ~~2.~~ D. 1. The collection and remittance procedures applicable  
17 to hunting license fees under this title shall apply to waterfowl  
18 stamp or license fees.

19        ~~3.~~ 2. The waterfowl stamp or license issued pursuant to this  
20 section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

21        ~~D.~~ E. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may  
22 prescribe, by regulation, the form, design and manner of issuance,  
23 if any, of the waterfowl stamp, which could include the selection of  
24 art for such stamp from an art contest regulated by the Commission.

1       ~~E.~~ F. 1. Any person arrested for hunting or taking any  
2 waterfowl during the open season on waterfowl without a valid  
3 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license as required by the  
4 provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute  
5 temporary thirty-day stamp or license from the arresting game warden  
6 in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification shall  
7 not be required for the temporary substitute stamp or license. The  
8 fee for a substitute stamp or license purchased pursuant to the  
9 provisions of this subsection shall be:

- 10           a. for legal residents - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and  
11           b. for nonresidents - One Hundred Forty-five Dollars  
12               (\$145.00).

13       2. The fees from the temporary stamp and license purchased  
14 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in  
15 the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in the State  
16 of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing, managing, preserving,  
17 restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and for the conservation  
18 and management of waterfowl and ecologically related species.

19       ~~F.~~ G. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions  
20 of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-  
21 five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

22       ~~G.~~ H. Nothing in this title shall prohibit a person from  
23 hunting waterfowl exclusively on their own property without an  
24 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate