

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3856

By: Cornwell of the House

and

**Pemberton** of the Senate

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10                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11           An Act relating to wildlife; 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-  
12           112, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 96, O.S.L.  
13           2023 (29 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-112), which  
14           relates to hunting licenses; modifying license  
15           authorizations; and providing an effective date.

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

17           SECTION 1.           SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           29 O.S. 2021,  
18           Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 96, O.S.L. 2023  
19           (29 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

20           A.   Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife  
21           Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act, no person may  
22           hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or attempt to take in  
23           any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or transport all or any  
24           portion of any wildlife except fish, without having first procured a

1 license from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Wildlife  
2 Conservation Commission shall designate a consecutive Saturday and  
3 Sunday in September of each year as free hunting days in which  
4 residents of this state may hunt without first procuring a hunting  
5 license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

6 B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt  
7 from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of  
8 subsection F of this section and the following nonresidents shall be  
9 exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required  
10 pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection C of this section:

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

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

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

17 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent  
18 (60%) or more;

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 1. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other  
15 than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on December 31 of the  
16 year purchased - One Hundred Forty-one Dollars (\$141.00).  
17 Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game  
18 or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to  
19 have this license;

20 2. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other  
21 than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on June 30 of the  
22 fiscal year purchased - One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).  
23 Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game  
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1 or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to  
2 have this license;

3 3. Gun hunting license for deer:

4 a. during deer gun seasons for youth nonresidents  
5 seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be  
6 valid for hunting one antlerless deer allowed during  
7 the current calendar year deer gun seasons - Thirty  
8 Dollars (\$30.00),

9 b. during deer gun seasons for youth nonresidents  
10 seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be  
11 valid for hunting one antlered or antlerless deer  
12 allowed during the current calendar year deer gun  
13 seasons - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00), and

14 c. during deer gun seasons for nonresidents which shall  
15 be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the  
16 current calendar year deer gun season - Two Hundred  
17 Ninety-nine Dollars (\$299.00);

18 4. Archery hunting license for deer for nonresidents which  
19 shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year  
20 purchased or, if purchased during the deer archery season, it shall  
21 expire at the end of that deer archery season:

22 a. during deer archery seasons for youth nonresidents  
23 seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be  
24 valid for hunting one antlerless deer allowed during

1 the current deer archery seasons - Thirty Dollars  
2 (\$30.00),

- 3 b. during deer archery seasons for youth nonresidents  
4 seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be  
5 valid for hunting one antlered or antlerless deer  
6 allowed during the current deer archery seasons -  
7 Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00), and  
8 c. during deer archery seasons for nonresidents which  
9 shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the  
10 current deer archery season - Two Hundred Ninety-nine  
11 Dollars (\$299.00);

12 5. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for:

- 13 a. during deer primitive firearms seasons for youth  
14 nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger  
15 which shall be valid for hunting one antlerless deer  
16 allowed during the current calendar year deer  
17 primitive firearms seasons - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),  
18 b. during deer primitive firearms seasons for youth  
19 nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger  
20 which shall be valid for hunting one antlered or  
21 antlerless deer allowed during the current calendar  
22 year deer primitive firearms seasons - Ninety-nine  
23 Dollars (\$99.00), and  
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1           c.     during deer primitive firearms seasons for  
2                   nonresidents which shall be valid for hunting all deer  
3                   allowed during the current calendar year deer  
4                   primitive firearms season - Two Hundred Ninety-nine  
5                   Dollars (\$299.00);

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

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

10          8.   Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other  
11   than deer, antelope, elk, quail, turkey or bear - Seventy-four  
12   Dollars (\$74.00). Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big  
13   game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area  
14   shall be required to have this license;

15          9.   Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting small game  
16   in a commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00); and

17          10.   Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting winged  
18   upland game, excluding wild turkey, in a commercial hunting area -  
19   Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

20          D.   The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall provide a  
21   report to both the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
22   Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 of 2019 and  
23   2020 setting forth information regarding licenses issued pursuant to  
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1 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of subsection C of this section, which shall  
2 include, but not be limited to:

3 1. The number of licenses issued during the most recent  
4 respective deer hunting seasons; and

5 2. A fiscal analysis comparing revenue generated from the fees  
6 of the licenses issued during the most recent respective deer  
7 hunting seasons compared to previous years and whether the deer  
8 hunting license structure is beneficial to the Department.

9 E. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of  
10 subsection C of this section:

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

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

1 F. Except as otherwise provided, the resident hunting licenses  
2 issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall  
3 be:

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

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

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

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

16 5. Ten-day hunting license for residents for small game and  
17 upland winged game, excluding wild turkey, in a commercial hunting  
18 area - Five Dollars (\$5.00);

19 6. Five-year disability hunting license for residents of this  
20 state for at least six (6) months who are receiving Social Security  
21 Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits or  
22 disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A.,  
23 Section 231a, or residents who are one-hundred-percent disabled and  
24 are receiving disability payments from the Multiple Injury Trust



1 Fund pursuant to Section 31 of Title 85A of the Oklahoma Statutes -  
2 Ten Dollars (\$10.00);

3 7. Gun hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)  
4 years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following  
5 persons shall be exempt:

6 a. residents with proper certification from the United  
7 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
8 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
9 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
10 percent rate, and

11 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
12 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

13 8. Gun hunting license for deer for residents under eighteen  
14 (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

15 9. Archery hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)  
16 years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following  
17 persons shall be exempt:

18 a. residents with proper certification from the United  
19 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
20 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
21 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
22 percent rate, and

23 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
24 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

1        10. Archery hunting license for deer for residents under  
2 eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

3        11. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents  
4 eighteen (18) years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00).

5 The following persons shall be exempt:

6            a. residents with proper certification from the United  
7 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
8 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
9 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
10 percent rate, and

11           b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
12 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

13        12. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents  
14 under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

15        13. Hunting license for elk for residents - Fifty Dollars  
16 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and  
17 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this  
18 license;

19        14. Hunting license for antelope for residents - Fifty Dollars  
20 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and  
21 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this  
22 license; and  
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1        15. Bonus, special or additional gun hunting license for deer  
2 for residents - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following persons  
3 shall be exempt:

4            a. residents with proper certification from the United  
5 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
6 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
7 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
8 percent rate, and

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

11        G. Residents hunting big game, combination big game and upland  
12 game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be  
13 required to have one of the following licenses:

14            1. An annual hunting license issued pursuant to paragraph 1, 2,  
15 3 or 4 of subsection F of this section;

16            2. An annual hunting and fishing combination license issued  
17 pursuant to Section 4-113 of this title;

18            3. A five-year hunting license or five-year combination hunting  
19 and fishing license issued pursuant to Section 4-113.1 of this  
20 title; ~~or~~

21            4. A lifetime hunting license or lifetime combination hunting  
22 and fishing license issued pursuant to Section 4-114 of this title;  
23 or

1        5. A ten-day hunting license for residents hunting small game  
2 and upland winged game, excluding wild turkey for Five Dollars  
3 (\$5.00).

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

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

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

3 a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and

4 b. for nonresidents, One Hundred Forty-five Dollars  
5 (\$145.00).

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

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

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

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

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, dated 02/29/2024 - DO  
12 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.