

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1848

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 7-503, which relates to prohibition on sales of protected fish and wildlife; redirecting funds to different fund; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 7-503, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-503. A. Except as otherwise provided for by law, no person may buy, barter, trade, sell or offer, or expose for sale all or any part of any fish or wildlife, or the nest or eggs of any bird, protected by law. The carcasses or any parts thereof of legally acquired furbearing animals or coyotes may be purchased, bartered, traded, sold or offered for sale. The fur or pelt of legally acquired squirrels may be purchased, bartered, traded, sold or offered for sale.

B. Persons licensed to propagate or sell fish or wildlife pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation

1 Code and persons who have documentation of legally purchased fish or  
2 wildlife or parts thereof for resale are exempt from the provisions  
3 of this section.

4 C. All wildlife or parts thereof seized pursuant to the  
5 provisions of this section and determined to be unfit for release in  
6 a suitable locale shall be sold. The proceeds from ~~said~~ the sale  
7 shall be deposited in the ~~Wildlife Conservation~~ General Revenue  
8 Fund.

9 D. No person shall buy, barter, trade, or sell, within this  
10 state, any furbearing animal, game animal, or game fish, or any part  
11 thereof, acquired from a source within or outside of this state  
12 unless at the time and place of each such sale, the seller shall  
13 possess an invoice signed by the person from whom ~~said~~ the seller  
14 purchased ~~said~~ the animals or fish, which shall contain a statement  
15 of the source from which ~~said~~ the animals or fish were acquired, and  
16 the species and quantity of each species, or parts thereof,  
17 delivered to ~~said~~ the seller.

18 E. Persons who have obtained legal possession of wildlife or  
19 parts of wildlife after being given to the person for taxidermic  
20 preparation or processing of the meat for consumption shall be  
21 permitted to dispose of such, unless otherwise prohibited by law,  
22 under rules established by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation  
23 Commission.

1 F. The animal, bird, fish, or part thereof shall be confiscated  
2 by the arresting authority and forwarded to the Commission to be  
3 held until the matter is resolved. If a person violating the  
4 provisions of this section is convicted, the Commission shall retain  
5 and properly dispose of the confiscated animal, bird, fish, or part  
6 thereof. If a person accused of violating the provisions of this  
7 section is acquitted, the confiscated animal, bird, fish, or part  
8 thereof shall be returned to the possession of the person from whom  
9 it was confiscated.

10 G. The first violation of any of the provisions of this section  
11 shall be punishable by a fine ~~of~~ not less than One Hundred Dollars  
12 (\$100.00), nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by  
13 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not less than ten (10)  
14 days nor more than sixty (60) days, or by both ~~said~~ such fine and  
15 imprisonment.

16 Subsequent violations of the provisions of this section shall be  
17 punishable by a fine ~~of~~ not less than One Thousand Dollars  
18 (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not  
19 less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days, or by both  
20 ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

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

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