

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 653

By: Standridge

AS INTRODUCED

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; allowing for a physically disabled person to use air bows under certain conditions; and providing an effective date.

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 draw, 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 are a legal means of take, except as provided in subsection C of this section. No person may hunt or take during the open season with an air bow unless the person has

1 first obtained a stamp issued by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation
2 Commission for a one-time fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

3 C. A permanently physically disabled person may use an air bow
4 as a legal hunting method during any open season when archery is a
5 legal means of take.

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

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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