

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2270

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to wildlife; creating the Oklahoma  
9 Habitat Stamp; requiring possession of the stamp by  
10 non-residents while hunting or fishing in a Wildlife  
11 Management Area; providing stamp exceptions;  
12 providing stamp purchase amount; providing  
13 limitations on uses for monies received from stamp  
14 purchases; stating expiration date; directing the  
15 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to  
16 prescribe certain rules; providing for violation;  
17 providing for temporary stamp issuance; providing  
18 limitations on uses for monies received from  
19 temporary stamp purchases; providing for fines;  
20 creating the Oklahoma Habitat Stamp Revolving Fund;  
21 providing limitations of fund usage; providing for  
22 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-204 of Title 29, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Non-residents may not hunt or fish any Oklahoma Wildlife  
Management Area unless the person has first obtained an Oklahoma  
Habitat Stamp from the Director of the Oklahoma Wildlife

1 Conservation Commission or authorized agents of the Director. Each  
2 person shall have the permit in addition to all other required  
3 licenses, stamps, and permits when hunting a Wildlife Management  
4 Area.

5 B. Persons excepted from the Oklahoma Habitat Stamp  
6 requirements of this section are:

7 1. Non-resident active-duty military personnel stationed at  
8 military installations located in the state; and

9 2. Non-resident veterans.

10 C. The Oklahoma Habitat Stamp shall be Eighty-five Dollars  
11 (\$85.00). The fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Habitat Stamp  
12 Revolving Fund, to be used exclusively for maintenance and  
13 improvements to Wildlife Management Areas.

14 D. An Oklahoma Habitat Stamp is valid for a period of one (1)  
15 year from the date of purchase.

16 E. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
17 prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the  
18 Oklahoma Habitat Stamp.

19 F. 1. Any non-resident arrested for hunting on a Wildlife  
20 Management Area without an Oklahoma Habitat Stamp as required by the  
21 provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute  
22 temporary thirty-day stamp from the arresting game warden in lieu of  
23 posting bond. The fee for a substitute stamp purchased pursuant to  
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1 the provisions of this subsection shall be One Hundred Forty-five  
2 Dollars (\$145.00).

3 2. The fees from the temporary substitute stamp pursuant to the  
4 provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Oklahoma  
5 Habitat Stamp Revolving Fund, to be used exclusively for maintenance  
6 and improvements to Wildlife Management Areas.

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

10 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-205 of Title 29, unless there  
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
14 for the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to be designated  
15 the "Oklahoma Habitat Stamp Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
16 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
17 consist of all monies received pursuant to the provisions of this  
18 section from fees for the Oklahoma Habitat Stamp and required to be  
19 deposited in the fund. All monies accruing to the credit of the  
20 fund are hereby appropriated and shall be expended by the Commission  
21 for the purpose of Wildlife Management Area maintenance and  
22 improvements. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon  
23 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as  
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1 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
2 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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