

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. 2270

By: West (Rick) of the House

and

Hamilton of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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:

1 A. Non-residents may not hunt or fish any Oklahoma Wildlife
2 Management Area unless the person has first obtained an Oklahoma
3 Habitat Stamp from the Director of the Oklahoma Wildlife
4 Conservation Commission or authorized agents of the Director. Each
5 person shall have the permit in addition to all other required
6 licenses, stamps, and permits when hunting a Wildlife Management
7 Area.

8 B. Persons excepted from the Oklahoma Habitat Stamp
9 requirements of this section are:

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

12 2. Non-resident veterans.

13 C. The Oklahoma Habitat Stamp shall be Eighty-five Dollars
14 (\$85.00). The fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Habitat Stamp
15 Revolving Fund, to be used exclusively for maintenance and
16 improvements to Wildlife Management Areas.

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

19 E. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
20 prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the
21 Oklahoma Habitat Stamp.

22 F. 1. Any non-resident arrested for hunting on a Wildlife
23 Management Area without an Oklahoma Habitat Stamp as required by the
24 provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute

1 temporary thirty-day stamp from the arresting game warden in lieu of
2 posting bond. The fee for a substitute stamp purchased pursuant to
3 the provisions of this subsection shall be One Hundred Forty-five
4 Dollars (\$145.00).

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

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

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

15 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
16 for the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to be designated
17 the "Oklahoma Habitat Stamp Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
18 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
19 consist of all monies received pursuant to the provisions of this
20 section from fees for the Oklahoma Habitat Stamp and required to be
21 deposited in the fund. All monies accruing to the credit of the
22 fund are hereby appropriated and shall be expended by the Commission
23 for the purpose of Wildlife Management Area maintenance and
24 improvements. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon

1 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
2 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
3 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

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

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

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