

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE BILL 1605

By: Woods

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-144, which relates to black bear hunting license; removing authorization for Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to set territorial limitations; 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 4-144, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-144. A. No person may hunt or take black bear without having first procured a license from the Director of Wildlife Conservation or an agent of the Director.

B. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall decide the open season, and the bag limits, ~~and territorial limitations~~ for hunting or taking black bear.

C. The fees for a license issued pursuant to this section shall be:

1. For legal residents, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and
2. For nonresidents, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

1 D. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in  
2 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in  
3 paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall  
4 be punished by a fine ~~of~~ not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)  
5 nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in  
6 the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by  
7 both ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

8 E. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in  
9 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in  
10 paragraph 2 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall  
11 be punished by a fine ~~of~~ not less than Eight Hundred Dollars  
12 (\$800.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by  
13 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6)  
14 months, or by both ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

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

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