

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 653

By: Standridge

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 5-213, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 253,
9 O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 5-213),
10 which relates to air bows; allowing for a physically
11 disabled person to use air bows under certain
12 conditions; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 5-213, as
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022,
15 Section 5-213), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5-213. A. The use of crossbows and conventional
17 longbows with a device that permits the bow to be held mechanically
18 at full or partial draw, shall be a legal hunting method during any
19 open season when conventional longbows are a legal means of take.

20 B. The use of air bows shall be a legal hunting method during
21 any open season when rifles are a legal means of take, except as
22 provided in subsection C of this section. No person may hunt or
23 take during the open season with an air bow unless the person has
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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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