

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 976

By: Murdock

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to fish and wildlife; requiring the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish a division to study solutions for invasive species; providing for promulgation of rules; 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 3-316 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In order to combat and slow the spread of invasive species in this state, the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall establish a division within the Department of Wildlife Conservation for the study and implementation of solutions to protect Oklahoma's wildlife habitats.

B. The Department shall promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act to develop this division. Such rules may include, but not be limited to, the hiring of new employees,

1 expansions of existing duties, and establishing new programs within  
2 the Department.

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