

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 447

By: Boren of the Senate

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4 Sterling of the House
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6 An Act relating to state property; permitting
7 residents to forage for nuts and edible plants or
8 fungi on state-owned or state-managed property;
9 providing exceptions; encouraging certain apparel
10 during foraging; defining terms; limiting foraging in
11 certain areas managed by the Department of Wildlife
12 Conservation; providing for promulgation of rules;
13 providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 335 of Title 61, unless there is
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Any person may forage for nuts and edible plants or fungi on
20 state-owned or state-managed property accessible to the public for
21 personal use and not for resale except when such nuts and other
22 edible plants or fungi are:

23 1. From crops certified by the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment
24 Station system or the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service of the
Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and

1 Natural Resources, as provided in Section 8-33 of Title 2 of the
2 Oklahoma Statutes; or

3 2. From plants that are threatened or endangered.

4 B. Any person foraging pursuant to this section is encouraged
5 to wear an outer garment of hunter orange that is clearly visible
6 while in the field and to recognize which nuts and edible plants or
7 fungi are safe for human consumption.

8 C. As used in this section:

9 1. "State-owned or state-managed property accessible to the
10 public" means property owned or managed by an agency, municipality,
11 or political subdivision of this state designated for public use,
12 unless the property is located on:

13 a. state-owned or University-owned test or research
14 farms,

15 b. land leased to an individual or entity pursuant to
16 Section 1056 of Title 64 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who
17 has not given permission to an individual to forage,
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19 c. property otherwise restricted for public access by
20 state or federal law including, but not limited to:

21 (1) land along public roads, highways, turnpikes, and
22 interstates,

23 (2) areas owned or operated by a law enforcement
24 agency or used for law enforcement training, or

1 (3) areas surrounding correction facilities owned or
2 operated by the Department of Corrections, a
3 county, a municipality, or a private entity
4 contracted by the Department of Corrections to
5 operate in this state;

6 2. "Edible plant or fungus" means a plant or fungus commonly
7 found in the wild, which is edible to humans in part or in its
8 entirety and may require cooking to make safe for consumption; and

9 3. "Nut" means a dry fruit that has a single seed, a hard
10 shell, and a protective husk.

11 D. 1. Any person foraging pursuant to this section on a
12 Wildlife Management Area owned or managed by the Department of
13 Wildlife Conservation shall follow all rules for foraging as
14 authorized by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

15 2. The Commission shall promulgate all rules necessary to
16 implement the provisions of this section.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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1 Passed the Senate the 27th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2025.

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