

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5   BILL NO. 448

By: Hamilton of the Senate

and

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9       An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021,  
10      Section 7-304, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 19,  
11      O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 7-304),  
12      which relates to wildlife refuges and Wildlife  
13      Management Areas; requiring nonresident hunters to  
14      receive permission from the Oklahoma Wildlife  
15      Conservation Commission to use certain areas;  
16      authorizing the Commission to create certain system  
17      for permitting; requiring permit fee; providing for  
18      promulgation of rules; updating statutory language;  
19      and providing an effective date.

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

24       SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       29 O.S. 2021, Section 7-304, as  
25      amended by Section 1, Chapter 19, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
26      Section 7-304), is amended to read as follows:

27       Section 7-304.   A.   Except as otherwise provided by law, no  
28      person may enter upon any state or federal wildlife refuge or  
29      Wildlife Management Area with a dog, a gun, or a bow.

1 B. Exceptions to the above provisions are when the Oklahoma  
2 Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or the Oklahoma Tourism and  
3 Recreation Commission may by resolution permit:

4 1. The holding of field trials by duly authorized sportsmen's  
5 clubs; or

6 2. Such hunting, killing, or trapping of wildlife from such  
7 refuge or Wildlife Management Area; provided, however, that Lake  
8 Murray State Park shall not be utilized for the killing or trapping  
9 of natural wildlife and shall remain a wildlife preserve.

10 C. 1. Upon authorization for the hunting, killing, or trapping  
11 of wildlife from any such refuge or Wildlife Management Area by the  
12 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to subsection B  
13 of this section, the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
14 require nonresidents to schedule with the Department of Wildlife  
15 Conservation in order to receive written authorization to use such  
16 refuge or Wildlife Management Area.

17 2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall create a  
18 lottery system as needed for the distribution of permits authorizing  
19 nonresidents to hunt, kill, or trap wildlife from such refuge or  
20 Wildlife Management Area and shall charge a permit fee not to exceed  
21 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

22 3. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
23 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this  
24 section.

1        D. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
2 section shall be punished by a fine ~~of~~ not less than One Hundred  
3 Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or  
4 by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten (10) days  
5 nor more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and  
6 imprisonment for the first violation. A subsequent violation shall  
7 result in the suspension of privileges to hunt, kill, or trap within  
8 such refuge or Wildlife Management Area.

9        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES,  
12 dated 04/16/2025 - DO PASS.  
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