

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2355

By: Dempsey of the House

3 and

4 Murdock of the Senate

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7 [game and fish - lifetime licenses - air bows -

8 emergency]

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-114, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the
14 state for at least six (6) months and intend to remain residents may
15 purchase lifetime fishing licenses, lifetime hunting licenses or
16 lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses from the State
17 Wildlife Conservation Director.

18 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

19 1. Lifetime fishing license, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);

20 2. Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);

21 3. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven
22 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00);

23 4. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons sixty-
24 five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);

1 5. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons sixty-
2 five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and

3 6. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing
4 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-
5 five Dollars (\$25.00).

6 C. ~~Legal~~ A legal resident having proper certification from the
7 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor
8 certifying that the person is a disabled veteran and registered with
9 the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
10 Affairs may purchase a disability lifetime combination hunting and
11 fishing license from the State Wildlife Conservation Director. The
12 fees for the license shall be as follows:

13 1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for veterans having a
14 disability of less than sixty percent (60%); and

15 2. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for veterans having a
16 disability of sixty percent (60%) or more.

17 D. The use of the licenses provided in this section are subject
18 to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the
19 Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise provided for
20 in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued pursuant to
21 subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of all annual
22 hunting licenses, all species-specific licenses, including but not
23 limited to deer, elk, antelope, turkey, and bear, Oklahoma waterfowl
24 hunting stamp, wildlife conservation passport, fur license, annual

1 trapping license, controlled hunt permits, all carcass tags, and all
2 special season permits.

3 E. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a
4 duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation
5 for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

6 F. A lifetime licensee shall not lose the privileges of such
7 license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

8 G. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1
9 through 3 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a
10 lifetime fishing, hunting or combination license, excluding a senior
11 citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing
12 license issued pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of
13 this section and a disability lifetime combination hunting and
14 fishing license issued pursuant to subsection C of this section,
15 shall be required to purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land
16 Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession while
17 hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime
18 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).
19 The fee for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:

20 a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be
21 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created
22 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire
23 the obligations and related expenses as authorized
24 pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma

1 Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements
2 on real property to be used as public hunting,
3 fishing, and trapping areas, and

4 b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be
5 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created
6 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the
7 Commission for management of the real property
8 acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the
9 Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the
10 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

11 2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
12 prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the
13 Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.

14 3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or
15 defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of
16 Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife
17 Land Stamp and Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee
18 requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.

19 H. A person who is sixty-four (64) years of age shall be
20 eligible to purchase a senior citizen lifetime license issued
21 pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of this section
22 during the calendar year in which the person turns sixty-five (65)
23 years of age.

1 I. The fee for a lifetime fishing license, a lifetime hunting
2 license, or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license
3 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection B of this
4 section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of age may be
5 paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year period of time
6 and in a manner determined by the Director. The lifetime license
7 shall not be issued and become valid until full payment is received
8 by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If the entire amount of
9 the license fee is not received within three (3) years from the date
10 the application for installment payments is submitted to the
11 Department, all funds received shall be forfeited and shall not be
12 refunded.

13 J. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
14 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
15 section.

16 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-130, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 4-130. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma
19 Wildlife Conservation Code, no person may hunt or take any waterfowl
20 during the open season on waterfowl unless the person has first
21 obtained an Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license from the
22 Director or authorized agents of the Director. Each person shall
23 have the stamp or license in their possession when hunting or taking
24 any waterfowl. When a stamp is purchased, the stamp shall be

1 validated by the signature of the licensee written across the face
2 of the stamp.

3 B. Persons excepted from the Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp
4 or license requirement of this section are:

5 1. Legal residents of Oklahoma under sixteen (16) years of age;
6 and

7 2. Legal residents of Oklahoma who have a valid lifetime
8 hunting, or combination lifetime hunting and fishing license;

9 3. Legal residents of Oklahoma who have a valid senior citizen
10 lifetime hunting or senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and
11 fishing license; and

12 4. Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-five (65) years of age or
13 older.

14 C. 1. The Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp fee and waterfowl
15 license shall each be Nine Dollars (\$9.00). The remainder of the
16 fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used
17 exclusively in the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing,
18 managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and
19 for the conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically
20 related species.

21 2. The collection and remittance procedures applicable to
22 hunting license fees under this title shall apply to waterfowl stamp
23 or license fees.

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1 3. The waterfowl stamp or license issued pursuant to this
2 section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

3 D. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may prescribe,
4 by regulation, the form, design and manner of issuance, if any, of
5 the waterfowl stamp, which could include the selection of art for
6 such stamp from an art contest regulated by the Commission.

7 E. 1. Any person arrested for hunting or taking any waterfowl
8 during the open season on waterfowl without a valid Oklahoma
9 waterfowl hunting stamp or license as required by the provisions of
10 subsection A of this section may purchase a ~~substitute~~ temporary
11 thirty-day stamp or license from the arresting game warden in lieu
12 of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification shall not be
13 required for the temporary substitute stamp or license. The fee for
14 a substitute stamp or license purchased pursuant to the provisions
15 of this subsection shall be:

- 16 a. for legal residents - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 17 b. for nonresidents - One Hundred Forty-five Dollars
18 (\$145.00).

19 2. The fees from the temporary stamp and license purchased
20 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in
21 the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in the State
22 of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing, managing, preserving,
23 restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and for the conservation
24 and management of waterfowl and ecologically related species.

1 F. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of
2 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-
3 five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

4 G. Nothing in this title shall prohibit a person from hunting
5 waterfowl exclusively on their own property without an Oklahoma
6 waterfowl hunting stamp or license.

7 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 5-213, as
8 amended by Section 1, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022,
9 Section 5-213), is amended to read as follows:

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

14 B. The use of air bows shall be a legal hunting method during
15 any open season ~~when rifles are a legal means of take~~. No person
16 may hunt or take during the open season with an air bow unless the
17 person has first obtained a stamp issued by the Oklahoma Wildlife
18 Conservation Commission for a one-time fee of Twenty Dollars
19 (\$20.00).

20 C. At such time as the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act
21 is amended to expand the excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition
22 to include air bows and air guns, the stamp pursuant to subsection B
23 of this section shall no longer be required, and authorization for
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