

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1312

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to wildlife; authorizing the
8 Department of Wildlife Conservation to implement
9 certain program; requiring collaboration from other
10 Oklahoma entities; providing for indemnity of the
11 Department from damages resulting from implementation
12 of this program; exempting indemnity from certain
13 issues; providing for the promulgation of rules;
14 allowing the Department to provide exemptions from
15 certain permitting; providing for codification; and
16 providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-707 of Title 29, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall administer
23 directly and through collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of
24 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, the Oklahoma Conservation
Commission, and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service at
Oklahoma State University to implement a program or programs for the
distribution of traps for the capture or deterrence of invasive and
nuisance species affecting Oklahoma landowners or land lessors.

1 B. The Department or any employee or agent of the Department
2 shall not be liable for damages in any civil suit or subject to
3 criminal prosecution for any injury resulting from the program,
4 unless the injury or death is a direct result of the gross
5 negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of the
6 Department or employee or agent of the Department.

7 C. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall promulgate the
8 rules necessary for the implementation of this program along with
9 any educational material necessary for the proper operation of the
10 traps leased to landowners and land lessors through this program as
11 not to violate the provisions of subsection B of this section. The
12 Department may allow exemptions for landowners and land lessors
13 participating in this program from the permits required to control
14 nuisance and invasive species set for in Title 29 of the Oklahoma
15 Statutes.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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