1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE  BILL NO. 927  By: Murdock and Dahm of the
5	Senate Senate
6	and
7	McDugle and Roberts (Sean) of the House
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10	[ feral swine - Control Act - remove feral swine at night - permits - headlighting - use of certain
11	lights and motor-driven conveyance - repealer - effective date
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
15	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2011, Section 6-604, is
16	amended to read as follows:
17	Section 6-604. A. Except as otherwise specified in the Feral
18	Swine Control Act, any person with permission of the owner may
19	remove feral swine from private or public property during daylight
20	hours or at night. Any person who removes or attempts to remove
21	feral swine pursuant to this section shall not be required to obtain
22	a license to hunt wildlife issued by the Department of Wildlife
23	Conservation or a permit to control wildlife issued pursuant to
24	Section 4-135 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 B. Any person who intends to kill or attempt to kill feral 2 swine at night shall obtain a permit issued by the Department of 3 Wildlife Conservation pursuant to Section 4-135 of Title 29 of the 4 Oklahoma Statutes and promulgated rules removes or attempts to 5 remove feral swine pursuant to this section may use a motor-driven 6 land conveyance, a vehicle-mounted spotlight or other powerful light 7 also known as a headlight and may use night vision equipment that uses either image enhancement technology or thermal imaging 8 9

technology in order to pursue or follow feral swine.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-135, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-135. A. The Department of Wildlife Conservation is authorized to issue permits to landowners, lessees, or their designated agents and to any entity of state, county, or local government to control nuisance or damage by any species of wildlife including, but not limited to beaver, coyote, deer, bobcat, raccoon, and crow under rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. The permits may be issued without limitation by statewide season regulations, bag limits or methods of taking. A permitted landowner, lessee or a designated agent of the landowner or lessee may, with a valid permit issued pursuant to this section, control the wildlife specified in this subsection and feral swine at night to protect marketable agricultural crops, livestock,

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- or processed feed, seed or other materials used in the production of an agricultural commodity.
- B. Except as otherwise specified in this subsection section, the permit to hunt at night shall be valid for a period of up to one (1) year from the date the permit was issued. Each landowner, lessee, or designated agent with a valid permit shall be required to have a current agricultural exemption permit issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.
- C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5-203.1 of this title, a landowner, lessee, or designated agent of the landowner or lessee with a valid permit may use a headlight carried on the person while hunting at night. Nothing in this section shall authorize the use of a headlight mounted on a vehicle or the use of a headlight from a public roadway.
- D. Any person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a violation of Section 5-203.1 or Section 5-411 of this title within the previous three (3) years shall not be eligible to receive a permit pursuant to this section. The permit can may be issued by the local game warden in the county for which the permit is to be used or by the Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- E. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1289.13 of Title
  21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, it shall be lawful for any private
  landowner or designated employee of the landowner or lessee to have

1 | a chamber-loaded firearm on property owned by the landowner, and to

2 | use the firearm for the purpose of controlling nuisance or damage by

3 any wildlife or feral swine. Nothing in this section shall

4 authorize any convicted felon to carry a firearm.

5 | SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 5-203.1, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 5-203.1. A. No person may attempt to take, take, attempt to catch, catch, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to kill, or kill any deer, feral animal or other wildlife except fish and, frogs and feral swine as provided for in Section 6-604 of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, by the use of a vehicle mounted vehiclemounted spotlight or other powerful light at night, by what is commonly known as "headlighting". Provided, however, nothing in this section shall prevent one from possessing a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or .22 pistol and a light carried while in pursuit of furbearers with hounds during the legal, open furbearers season, while possessing a valid hunting license.

- B. Any person may use a shotgun, using No. 6 size shot or smaller, longbow, light and a call for the purpose of hunting predatory animals, provided that written permission is obtained from the local game warden for each twenty-four-hour period of hunting.
- C. It shall be illegal to hunt from a boat with a firearm from sunset until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise. This shall not

- pertain to hunting of waterfowl enroute from bank to blind with unloaded shotguns.
- removing feral swine as provided for in this section and when removing feral swine as provided for in Section 6-604 of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, no person may harass, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to take or take, kill or attempt to kill any wildlife with the aid of any motor-driven land, air or water conveyance. A nonambulatory person may hunt from said the conveyances with written permission of the Director of Wildlife Conservation. A person may hunt from an air conveyance if issued a permit pursuant to Section ± 4-107.2 of this act title. Nothing in this section shall prevent the use of motor-driven land or water conveyances for following dogs in the act of hunting, when use is restricted to public roads or waterways. Motor-driven land or water conveyances may be used on private property for following dogs in the act of hunting with the permission of the landowner or occupant.
- E. Employees of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry Wildlife Services Division and the United States

  Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services while engaged in wildlife management activities for the protection of agriculture, property, human health and safety and natural resources shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.
- F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a

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    fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) for a
    first offense and not less than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for a
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    second offense or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less
    than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, or by confiscation
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    pursuant to Section 5-402 of this title or by such fine,
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        SECTION 4.
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    hereby repealed.
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        SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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