

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1654

By: Wallace of the House

3 and

4 Sharp of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.
8 2011, Section 7-205, as amended by Section 2, Chapter
9 286, O.S.L. 2013 (29 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 7-205),
10 which relates to the capture and mutilation of
11 protected wildlife; deleting restrictions on
12 mutilating certain wildlife in certain manner; making
13 it unlawful to waste edible meat of certain game
14 wildlife in a certain manner; providing for certain
15 exceptions; deleting restrictions on abandoning the
16 body of certain wildlife; clarifying language;
17 defining terms; and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 7-205, as
20 amended by Section 2, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2013 (29 O.S. Supp. 2015,
21 Section 7-205), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 7-205. A. ~~Excluding furbearers and coyotes, no person~~
23 ~~may capture, kill, mutilate or destroy any wildlife protected by law~~
24 ~~and remove the head, claws, teeth, hide, antlers, horns or any or~~
25 ~~all of such parts from the body with the intent to abandon the body.~~

26 B. ~~Excluding furbearers and coyotes, no person may capture or~~
27 ~~mutilate any living wildlife protected by law by removing the claws,~~

1 ~~teeth, hide, antlers, horns or any or all of such parts from the~~
2 ~~body.~~

3 ~~C. No person may kill any wildlife protected by law and abandon~~
4 ~~the body without disposing of the body in the most appropriate~~
5 ~~manner~~ Except as otherwise provided for in this subsection, it shall
6 be unlawful for any person through wanton disregard, carelessness or
7 neglect to cause or allow any edible meat of a game bird, game
8 mammal or game fish to go to waste. The provision of this
9 subsection shall not apply if the meat is not fit for human
10 consumption due to gunshot, injury or disease or if the wildlife
11 specimen is being prepared for taxidermy.

12 ~~D. B.~~ Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
13 section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred
14 Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or
15 by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year,
16 or by both fine and imprisonment.

17 ~~E. C.~~ Any hunting or fishing license issued to a any person by
18 the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be automatically
19 revoked upon conviction of ~~the~~ that person ~~of~~ for violating ~~the~~
20 ~~provisions~~ any provision of this section. The revocation shall be
21 for a period set by the court of not less than one (1) year nor more
22 than ten (10) years. If the court does not set a period, the
23 revocation shall be for one (1) year from the date of the
24 conviction. During ~~this period of~~ the revocation period, the

1 Department shall not issue the person a hunting or fishing license.
2 If the court does not set a revocation period, the Department shall
3 not issue that person a license within one (1) year of the
4 conviction of the person pursuant to this section. A person who has
5 a license or permit revoked pursuant to this section shall surrender
6 the revoked license or permit to the court. The court shall send
7 the Department ~~of Wildlife Conservation~~ the revoked license and a
8 copy of the judgment of conviction. For purposes of this section,
9 "conviction" shall include a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to an
10 offense or the imposition of deferred adjudication for an offense.

11 D. For purposes of this section:

12 1. "Game bird" means all species of brant, cranes, doves,
13 ducks, gallinules, geese, grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail,
14 prairie chickens, rails, snipes, swans, wild turkey and woodcock;

15 2. "Game mammal" means deer, elk, bear, bighorn sheep,
16 antelope, cottontail rabbit, swamp rabbit and squirrel;

17 3. "Game fish" means largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white
18 bass, spotted bass, black crappie, white crappie, northern pike,
19 trout, sauger, saugeye, striped bass, hybrid striped bass, walleye,
20 paddlefish, blue catfish, flathead catfish and channel catfish;

21 4. "Edible meat of a game bird" means the breast meat;

22 5. "Edible meat of a game mammal" means the four quarters and
23 loins or backstrap; and

24 6. "Edible meat of a game fish" means the two fillets.

