

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1774

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.
8 2011, Section 4-138, which relates to wildlife
9 conservation passports; authorizing the Wildlife
10 Conservation Commission to establish certain
11 passport; authorizing the Commission to assess
12 certain fee; modifying exemption; authorizing
13 purchase of certain substitute license under certain
14 circumstances; directing certain fees be deposited
15 into Wildlife Conservation Fund; and providing an
16 effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-138, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 4-138. A. The Wildlife Conservation Commission may
21 establish a special use ~~permit~~ permits to be designated the:

22 1. "Annual Wildlife Conservation Passport"; and

23 2. "Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport".

24 ~~The~~ A Passport shall be required of all persons not otherwise
exempt as provided for in subsection C of this section, who enter or
use land owned by the Commission and that has been designated by the
Commission as requiring a Passport.

1 B. The Commission may establish and assess ~~an annual~~:

2 1. A fee of not more than One Dollar (\$1.00) above the cost of
3 an annual resident hunting or fishing license for the Annual
4 Wildlife Conservation Passport; and

5 2. A fee of not more than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for the
6 Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport.

7 Each person, not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection
8 C of this section, entering or using a designated area of land shall
9 be required to have a Passport in their possession while in the
10 area.

11 C. The following persons shall be exempt from the Passport
12 requirements of this section:

13 1. All persons who possess a valid Oklahoma ~~annual~~ fishing,
14 hunting or combination ~~resident fishing or hunting~~ license, ~~an~~
15 ~~annual nonresident fishing or hunting license,~~ a lifetime resident
16 or nonresident fishing, hunting, or combination license, a senior
17 citizen lifetime fishing or hunting license, or a disability fishing
18 or hunting license;

19 2. ~~Legal residents of Oklahoma who are~~ Persons under ~~eighteen~~
20 ~~(18)~~ sixteen (16) years of age ~~on the first day of the current~~
21 ~~calendar year;~~ and

22 3. Students and instructors participating in bona fide
23 educational tours or activities sponsored or organized by an
24 educational institution or entity or any other organized event

1 sanctioned in advance by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
2 Conservation. Sponsors of such activities shall provide notice of
3 the date and number of persons participating in the activity to the
4 Department of Wildlife Conservation for approval not less than
5 twenty (20) days prior to the date of the activity.

6 D. 1. Any person arrested while violating the provisions of
7 this section may purchase a temporary thirty-day license from the
8 arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for a
9 substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this
10 subsection shall be:

11 a. Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for legal residents of this
12 state, and

13 b. Ninety Dollars (\$90.00) for nonresidents.

14 2. The fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions
15 of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation
16 Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving and
17 protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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