| 1 | STATE OF OKLAHOMA |
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| 2 | 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021) |
| 3 | HOUSE BILL 2721 By: Blancett |
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| 6 | AS INTRODUCED |
| 7 | An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 7-205, as amended by Section 2, Chapter |
| 8 | 286, O.S.L. 2013 (29 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 7-205), which relates to destroying wildlife; prohibiting |
| 9 10 | <pre>waste of edible meat of wildlife; imposing fine for violations; defining term; and providing an effective date.</pre> |
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| 14 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: |
| 15 | SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 7-205, as |
| 16 | amended by Section 2, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2013 (29 O.S. Supp. 2020, |
| 17 | Section 7-205), is amended to read as follows: |
| 18 | Section 7-205. A. Excluding furbearers and coyotes, no person |
| 19 | may capture, kill, mutilate or destroy any wildlife protected by law |
| 20 | this title or administrative rule of the Wildlife Conservation |
| 21 | Commission and remove the head, claws, teeth, hide, antlers, horns |
| 22 | or any or all of such parts from the body with the intent to abandon |
| 23 | the body. |
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B. Excluding furbearers and coyotes, no person may capture or mutilate any living wildlife protected by law this title or administrative rule of the Wildlife Conservation Commission by removing the claws, teeth, hide, antlers, horns or any or all of such parts from the body.

- C. No person may kill any wildlife protected by law this title or administrative rule of the Wildlife Conservation Commission and abandon the body without disposing of the body in the most appropriate manner.
- D. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or by both fine and imprisonment.
- E. Any hunting or fishing license issued to a person by the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be automatically revoked upon conviction of the person of violating the provisions of this section. The revocation shall be for a period set by the court of not less than one (1) year nor more than ten (10) years. If the court does not set a period, the revocation shall be for one (1) year from the date of the conviction. During this period of revocation, the Department shall not issue the person a hunting or fishing license. If the court does not set a revocation period, the Department shall not issue that person a license within one (1) year

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   of the conviction of the person pursuant to this section. A person
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   who has a license or permit revoked pursuant to this section shall
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   surrender the revoked license or permit to the court. The court
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   shall send the Department of Wildlife Conservation the revoked
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   license and a copy of the judgment of conviction. For purposes of
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   this section, "conviction" shall include a plea of guilty or nolo
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   contendere to an offense or the imposition of deferred adjudication
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   for an offense.
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       F. A person taking any wildlife protected by this title or
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F. A person taking any wildlife protected by this title or administrative rule of the Wildlife Conservation Commission shall not purposely, knowingly, recklessly, or with gross negligence waste or fail to use the edible meat of the wildlife. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). As used in this subsection, "edible meat" shall mean the flesh of wildlife used as food.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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