

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 208

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to fish and wildlife; requiring
8 residents and nonresidents to acquire certain
9 license; providing fee structure; establishing the
10 requirements for a hunting guide license in this
11 state; exempting certain entities under certain
12 circumstances; establishing procedure for violation
13 of provisions; providing for promulgation of rules;
14 providing for codification; and providing an
15 effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-112B of Title 29, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife
21 Conservation Code, no resident or nonresident shall assist,
22 accompany, transport, guide, outfit, or aid persons in the taking of
23 game for compensation or other consideration in this state without
24 first procuring a hunting guide license specified in subsection C of
25 this section from the Director of Wildlife Conservation or from any
26 of the authorized agents of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

1 B. The hunting guide licenses provided in this section and the
2 maximum fee for each license shall be:

3 1. Annual hunting guide license for a resident not to exceed
4 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); and

5 2. Annual hunting guide license for a nonresident not to exceed
6 Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

7 The Director of the Department shall promulgate the rules
8 necessary for the issuance of the license.

9 C. All residents and nonresidents applying for a hunting guide
10 license to assist, accompany, transport, guide, outfit, or aid
11 persons in the taking of game for compensation or other
12 consideration in this state shall:

13 1. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;

14 2. Be able to produce a valid license to operate a motor
15 vehicle or other positive proof of identification, age, and
16 residency, and any such license issued shall show such data as well
17 as the date and time of issuance;

18 3. Be able to demonstrate to the Department a certification in
19 the administration of lifesaving first aid and cardiopulmonary
20 resuscitation (CPR);

21 4. Be able to produce to the Department an insurance policy
22 indicating a personal liability coverage of no less than One Million
23 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00); and

1 5. Obtain written permission from the landowner and possess
2 such document while hunting.

3 D. The provisions of this section shall not:

4 1. Apply to landowners who provide such services on properties
5 they own;

6 2. Apply to individuals licensed to conduct hunts in a
7 commercial hunting area;

8 3. Exempt a resident or nonresident procuring a hunting guide
9 license pursuant to this section from any other hunting licenses as
10 required by law;

11 4. Allow a hunting guide license holder to conduct business on
12 any land publicly owned or managed by the Department of Wildlife
13 Conservation or the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; or

14 5. Apply to lessees of rural land who provide such services on
15 properties leased by such individuals as a farming or ranching
16 business pursuant to Section 951 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma
17 Statutes or, if they indicated to the landowner or lessor, the
18 primary use of the leased land is agricultural.

19 E. Any individual issued a hunting guide license pursuant to
20 this section may, upon conviction of violating the provisions of
21 this section or any rule disqualifying guiding as created by the
22 Department, be punished by a fine no less than five times the amount
23 of the license fee for a first offense and no less than ten times
24 the amount of the license fee for a second offense; for any

1 subsequent offense, the Department may have his or her license
2 immediately revoked. The revocation shall be for a period set by
3 the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission not less than one (1)
4 year nor more than ten (10) years. During the period of revocation,
5 the Department shall not issue to the individual any hunting
6 license. For purposes of this section, "conviction" shall mean a
7 conviction in a court of law, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere,
8 the imposition of a deferred or suspended sentence by a court, or
9 forfeiture of bond.

10 F. The Department shall promulgate any rules necessary to
11 implement the provisions of this section. The Department shall
12 publish a list of licensed guides, species pursued, and hunting
13 locations on its website.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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