

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 541

6 By: Murdock

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8 An Act relating to game; directing the Department of  
9 Wildlife Conservation to conduct experimental  
10 pronghorn antelope seasons; allowing landowners to  
11 control the quota and harvest of pronghorn antelope;  
12 requiring the Department to determine the regions;  
13 providing requirements for harvesting pronghorn  
14 antelope; directing the Department to monitor  
15 pronghorn antelope; directing the Department to end  
16 the season under certain conditions; requiring the  
17 Department to promulgate rules; providing for  
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-416 of Title 29, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. Beginning in 2020, the Department of Wildlife Conservation  
24 shall conduct experimental pronghorn antelope hunting seasons.  
Landowners, or their designated agents, may determine the harvest  
quota of pronghorn antelope and control the harvest of pronghorn  
antelope on their property. The Department shall determine the

1 regions for the experimental pronghorn antelope hunting seasons on a  
2 county by county basis as the pronghorn antelope migrate.

3 B. Hunters may obtain, at no cost, experimental pronghorn  
4 antelope permits at locations provided by the Department before  
5 harvesting pronghorn antelope during the experimental season.  
6 Hunters shall obtain the landowner or their designated agent's  
7 signature on the permit before harvesting pronghorn antelope.  
8 Hunters shall present their harvest at a mandatory check station,  
9 provided by the Department, within twenty-four (24) hours of  
10 harvest.

11 C. The Department shall monitor the pronghorn antelope  
12 population during the experimental pronghorn antelope hunting  
13 seasons to ensure populations remain healthy. If a significant  
14 negative biological impact is observed, the Department shall end the  
15 experimental seasons.

16 D. The Department shall promulgate rules to enforce the  
17 provisions of this act.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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