

2003 Legislative Session

New Laws passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor 2003

House Bill 1419 by Rep. Joe Hutchison and Sen. Frank Shurden. Committee substitute increases lifetime license fees; effective date July 1, 2003.

House Bill 1492 by Rep. Dale Smith and Sen. Frank Shurden. Expanding the type of wildlife covered and functions of the wildlife habitat development program; emergency.

House Bill 1493 by Rep. Dale Smith and Sen. Frank Shurden. Specifying the date when a commercial wildlife breeder's license expires; emergency.

House Bill 1565 by Rep. Dan Boren and Sen. Frank Shurden. Committee substitute allows the sale or trade of legally acquired squirrel pelts; effective date Nov. 1, 2003.

House Bill 1566 by Rep. Dale Smith and Frank Shurden of the Senate. Modifying restrictions on confinement and exhibition of certain bears and cats; increasing fee for commercial wildlife breeder's license; emergency.

House Bill 1663 by Representatives Dale Smith and Joe Hutchison and Sen. Frank Shurden. Modifying fees for certain licenses; codification; effective date July 1, 2003.

Senate Bill 294 by Sen. Kevin Easley and Rep. Jerry Hefner. Specifying that one member of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission must possess a fishing license or have been active in the promotion of fishing in the state for the past five years. Emergency.

Senate Bill 360 by Sen. Frank Shurden and Rep. Dale Smith. Modifying certain exemptions relating to bears and cats; limiting provisions relating to cats and bears to native cats and bears only. Bill also creates several reduced-cost licenses. Emergency.

Bills that died during the 2003 Legislative Session

House Bill 1093 by Rep. Clay Pope. Removing certain liability for charges for recreational uses of agricultural lands; emergency. Removed from the House Judiciary Committee and went dormant in the House Rules Committee.

House Bill 1138 by Rep. Joe Hutchison. Transferring the Division of Parks of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission; emergency. Went dormant in the House Appropriations and Budget Committee.

House Bill 1482 by Rep. Purcy Walker and Sen. Robert Kerr. Limiting liability of landowners who make their property available to the public for recreational purposes, even when that land is used primarily for farming or ranching activities; limiting liability to a maximum \$500,000 per person and \$1,000,000 for a single occurrence of bodily injury or death and \$100,000 for each single occurrence for injury to or destruction of property; emergency. Passed the House 97-0. Bill fails to be acted on by the Senate Judiciary Committee and goes dormant.

House Bill 1679 by Rep. Debbie Blackburn and Sen. Kevin Easley. Modifying membership in the Statewide Water Policy Planning Commission to include members from environmental and wildlife organizations. Committee substitute passed the House 88-10. Bill fails to be acted upon by the Senate Energy, Environment and Communications Committee and goes dormant.

Senate Bill 359 by Sen. Frank Shurden. Shell bill clarifying language relating to commercial fishing. Emergency. Went dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 362 by Sen. Frank Shurden and Rep. Dale Smith. Prohibiting taxidermists from selling certain product. Emergency. Title struck and passed from the Senate 42-0. Bill fails to be acted upon by the House Wildlife Committee and goes dormant.

Senate Bill 365 by Sen. Frank Shurden and Rep. Dale Smith. Committee substitute relates to licensing of hunting guides and outfitters and modifies provisions for lifetime licenses; emergency. (Title struck in committee.) Passed the Senate 35-10. Amended and passed by the House Wildlife Committee. Bill fails in the House 28-68; returned to the House Wildlife Committee where it is dormant.

Senate Bill 366 by Sen. Frank Shurden. Increasing lifetime license fees. Emergency. Referred to the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee. Vote in Committee fails.

Senate Bill 367 by Sen. Frank Shurden. Shell bill relating to commercial fishing seasons. Emergency. Went dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 407 by Sen. Kevin Easley and Rep. Larry Rice. Directing a study of designating Honey Creek as a Scenic River; including the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation in those agencies participating in the study. Emergency. Passed the Senate 37-1. Passed by the House 95-0. Bill died in Conference Committee.

Senate Bill 449 by Sen. Owen Laughlin and Rep. Elmer Maddux. Removing provisions restricting the sale of big game licenses to nonresidents. Passed the Senate 36-4. Bill fails to be acted upon by the House Wildlife Committee and goes dormant.

Senate Bill 467 by Sen. Jeff Rabon. Shell bill clarifying statutory language and making language gender neutral. Emergency. Went dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Joint Resolution 9 by Sen. Frank Shurden. Constitutional amendment providing constitutional protection for hunters and fishermen. Went dormant in the Senate Judiciary Committee.