

# 2004 Legislative Sessions

## **New Laws passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor 2004**

House Bill 1860 by Rep. Bill Mitchell. Allowing a landowner, lessee or designated agent of the landowner or lessee to hunt feral hogs at night, with a permit, to protect crops from damage by feral hogs. The permit to hunt at night shall be valid for 90 days and may be renewed. The permit can be issued by the local game warden in the county for which it is to be used by the Law Enforcement Division of the Wildlife Department. Bill effective July 1.

House Bill 1882 by Rep. Dale Smith. Specifying that commercial wildlife breeder's licenses expire June 30 of each year. Also repeals the sunset clause on the state duck stamp.

House Bill 2182 by Rep. Don Armes. Directing the Wildlife Conservation Commission to develop an Internet-based application for migratory bird permit applications; providing a waiver of the permit fee for persons using the Internet to apply for the permit. Bill is effective immediately.

Senate Bill 1617 by Sen. Kenneth Corn. Increasing the fee for a nonresident annual hunting license; eliminating nonresident lifetime hunting and lifetime combination licenses; eliminating the lifetime waterfowl hunting license. Bill is effective immediately.

House Bill 2341 by Rep. Dale Smith. Committee substitute authorizing sale of bonds for Wildlife Land Acquisition. Revenue for bond payment generated through sale of Wildlife Land Permit. Bill effective September 1 (\$5 Wildlife Land Permit implementation date to be determined).

## **Bills that died during the 2004 Legislative Session**

House Bill 1883 by Rep. Dale Smith. Requiring certain persons or entities who provide guide or outfitter services to procure a guide and outfitting license; requiring employees of outfitters to procure a license; establishing fees for guides. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Bill dormant pursuant to the rules.

House Bill 2180 by Rep. Don Armes. Expanding the exemption from the prohibition against lotteries to include federally tax-exempt sportsman organizations. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Referred to House Rules Committee. Dormant pursuant to Legislative rule.

House Bill 2449 by Rep. Clay Pope. Clarifying language relating to recreational use of private land; removing certain liabilities for charges for uses. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Referred to House Wildlife Committee. Referred to House Rules Committee. Dormant pursuant to Legislative rule.

House Bill 2267 by Rep. Joe Hutchison. Committee substitute passed repealing sunset provision on Waterfowl Hunting Stamp, and authorizes Full-time College Students to hunt on resident license. Passed by the House. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

House Bill 2531 by Rep. Purcy Walker. Creating the Oklahoma Limitation of Liability for Farming and Ranching Land Act; limiting liability for recreational activities on personal property. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Referred to House Judiciary Committee. Dormant pursuant to Legislative rule.

House Bill 2590 by Rep. Jim Wilson. Creating an Oklahoma Natural Resources Management Act; providing for an Oklahoma Natural Resources Management Task Force; specifying duties of the secretary of environment. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Dormant pursuant to Legislative rule.

House Bill 2628 by Rep. Carolyn Coleman. Expanding commercial wildlife breeder's license requirements to include exotic wildlife; requiring commercial wildlife breeder's license and facility inspection form; requiring the Wildlife Department to establish caging requirements. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2004. Bill failed in House Wildlife Committee. Dormant pursuant to Legislative rule.

Senate Bill 886 by Sen. Owen Laughlin. Limiting liability of a landowner who invites or permits the use of farming or ranching property for hunting or other recreational activity. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2004. Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Dormant pursuant to Legislative rule.

Senate Bill 1466 by Sen. Kenneth Corn. Committee substitute directs the Wildlife Department to establish a free Internet-based migratory bird hunting permit by July 1, 2004. Bill would be effective immediately. Passed the Senate and House and is awaiting action by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1532 by Sen. Rick Littlefield. Shell bill clarifying language relating to protected game. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Referred to the Senate Rules Committee. Dormant pursuant to Legislative rule.

Senate Bill 1535 by Sen. Owen Laughlin. Removing the prohibition against the Wildlife Department issuing nonresident deer, antelope or elk licenses to residents of a non-reciprocating state. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Passed by the Senate; Bill goes dormant in the House Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 1548 by Sen. Frank Shurden. Providing for guide and outfitter licenses from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2004. Title struck, then bill approved the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee. Bill passed by the full Senate. Bill not heard by the House Wildlife Committee and dormant pursuant to Legislative rule.

Senate Bill 1560 by Sen. Frank Shurden. Senate Rules Committee substitute exempts persons receiving social security disability benefits, supplemental social security income benefits or disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act from the \$5 controlled hunt application fee. Passed by the Senate; bill amended and passed by the House. Senate adopts conference committee report.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 40 by Sen. Frank Shurden. Withholding permission from the U.S. government to purchase additional lands for the Deep Fork Wildlife Refuge until a plan is formulated guaranteeing holders complete access to all their property within the refuge. Approved by the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee. Bill now awaits action by the full Senate.

House Joint Resolution 1073 by Rep. Debbie Blackburn. Calling for a vote of the people to establish the Oklahoma Natural Resources Trust Fund. Approved by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources. Bill dormant pursuant to the rules.