

2011 Legislative Session

New Laws passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor

House Concurrent Resolution 1011 by Rep. Blackwell. Would direct the Secretary of the Environment and ODWC to identify research needs, develop a conservation plan for Lesser Prairie Chickens and encourage responsible development. Introduced to the House. Signed by the House. Adopted by the Senate. Files with the Secretary of State.

House Bill 1249 by Rep. Rousselot and Hickman and Sen. David. Prohibiting persons from entering land owned by another for the sole purpose of retrieving domestic livestock or other animals. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1338 by Reps. Renegar and Lockhart and Sen. Lerblance. Modifying apprentice designated licensing options to allow persons 8 to 30 years of age to purchase apprentice designated licenses. Adjusting the age at which hunter education certification is no longer required from 35 to 30. Adjusting the age requirement for persons to accompany apprentice license holders from 21 to 18 years of age. The bill would be effective August 26, 2011. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1339 by Rep. Renegar and Sen. Lerblance. Requiring hunting and fishing licenses be issued via an electronic point of sale system beginning no later than Jan. 1, 2013. Repealing current license dealer bond requirements after Jan. 1, 2013. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1347 by Rep. Newell and Sen Coates. Providing for bail procedures for fish and wildlife violations and specifying that persons failing to appear for fish and wildlife citations shall have their hunting and fishing privileges suspended until they do so. The bill would be effective August 26, 2011. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1348 by Rep. Newell. Providing that taxidermy specimens of native wildlife may be sold at an estate sale only if the specimen is part of the personal property of the estate and with written permission from the Wildlife Department director. Taxidermy of migratory birds is excluded and the provisions do not apply to farmed cervidae. Bill effective immediately. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1473 by Rep. Armes and Roberts (Dustin) and Sen. Fields. Removing the double-fencing requirement for export of farmed cervidae. Bill is effective Nov. 1, 2011. Passed by

the full House 97-0. Title struck and amended and passed by the Senate 42-0. Title restored and conference committee submitted. Signed by the Governor.

House Bill 1474 by Rep. Armes and Sen. Fields. Increasing the maximum fine for trespass on a commercial hunting area or farmed cervidae facility to \$1,500 for a first offense. The bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 494 by Sens. Barrington and Sparks and Rep. McNiel. Creates the "Oklahoma Private Lands and Public Recreation Act." Prohibits recreational trespass; provides that any local, county or state law enforcement officer may issue trespass citation to person violating provisions of the act; provides that any governmental entity which has issued a hunting, fishing or other license for recreational activity may revoke the license and deny permission to reapply for a replacement for up to one year from the date of the violation. August 26, 2011. Signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 603 by Sen. Schultz and Rep. Blackwell. Creates the Endangered Species and Economic Development Task Force to assist agencies in providing policy and technical assistance regarding compliance with endangered species laws. The bill specifies the makeup of the task force and requires that the task force provide reports on innovative programs to address endangered species issues while promoting economic growth. The bill is effective immediately. Signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 828 by Sen. Sparks and Rep. Armes. Adds surface lessees and hunting lessees to persons who may file against someone for trespass. Increases the fine to not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,500 for a first offense and not less than \$1,500 nor more than \$2,500 for second and subsequent offenses. It also specifies that anyone shooting from or across a public road, highway or railroad right-of-way onto a big game commercial hunting area shall face a fine of not less than \$2,500 nor more \$10,000. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Signed by the Governor.

Bills that died during the 2011 Legislative Session

House Bill 1063 by Rep. Lockhart. Exempting lifetime hunting and lifetime hunting and fishing combination license holders from all additional license and permit requirements, including the black bear license and sandhill crane permit. Also repeals Legacy Permit provisions that specify lifetime license purchases contribute towards the Legacy Fund. Bill would be effective Jan. 1, 2012. Bill goes dormant in the House Appropriations and Budget Committee.

House Bill 1257 by Rep. Rousselot. Prohibiting the Wildlife Conservation Commission from promulgating any rule setting a limit on the number of blue catfish 30 inches or larger which a person may take in one day. Requiring the Commission to repeal or amend any current rule that limits the number of blue catfish 30 inches or larger which may be taken in a day. Bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Bill goes dormant in the House Rules Committee.

House Bill 1311 by Rep. Richardson and Sen. Fields. Creating the Endangered Species and Economic Development Task Force to assist agencies in providing policy and technical assistance regarding compliance with endangered species laws. The bill specifies the makeup of the task force and requires that the task force provide reports on innovative programs to address endangered species issues while promoting economic growth. The bill would be effective immediately upon passage. Passed by the House 77-12. Title struck and passed by the Senate Business and Commerce Committee. Bill goes dormant waiting action by the full Senate.

House Bill 1708 by Rep. Hilliard. Specifying that no person may ship or transport catfish, minnows, fingerlings, fish, frogs or other aquatic species into the state to sell without first getting a license from the Director of the Wildlife Department. Specifying that the Wildlife Conservation Commission shall establish the fee for the license and the annual renewal fee. The bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Title struck and passed by the House Appropriations and Budget Committee. Bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full House.

House Bill 1730 by Rep. Fourkiller. Shell bill relating to wildlife conservation. The bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Bill goes dormant in the House Agriculture, Wildlife and Environment Committee.

House Bill 1837 by Rep. Johnson. Exempting resident owners or tenants who hunt on land owned or leased by them from all annual licenses and permits required to hunt. The bill would be effective Sept. 1, 2011. Bill goes dormant in the House Agriculture, Wildlife and Environment Committee.

Senate Bill 72 by Sen. Ellis. Exempting nonresident landowners from annual hunting license requirements if they are hunting on their own land. Requires they carry proof of ownership while hunting. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Title struck and bill failed in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 94 by Sen. Ballenger and Rep. Shoemaker. Exempting any legal resident who as a firefighter or law enforcement officer suffered a disability in the line of duty of 60 percent or more from having to purchase an annual hunting or fishing license. Bill would be

effective Nov. 1, 2011. Title struck and bill passed by the full Senate 44-0. Bill goes dormant in the House Agriculture, Wildlife and Environment Committee.

Senate Bill 106 by Sen. Ellis. Allowing gray fox to be trapped anywhere in the state and setting the season limit at 10. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Bill went dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 128 by Sen. Schultz. Exempting hunting dogs, sporting dogs, and working dogs from the provisions of the Commercial Pet Breeders Act. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.

Senate Bill 129 by Sen. Russell and Rep. Osborn. Creating the "Landowner's Hunting Freedom Act" and allowing suppressors to be used for hunting by persons hunting on property owned by them or by people who are hunting on property with the landowner's permission. Bill amended on the Senate floor. Language allowing suppressors for hunting removed and language allowing for open carry of firearms inserted.

Senate Bill 224 by Sen. Coates. Shell bill relating to wildlife conservation. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Bill went dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 225 by Sen. Coates. Shell bill relating to wildlife conservation. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Bill went dormant in the Senate Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 314 by Sen. Sparks and Rep. Armes. Specifying that tags for animals taken at commercial hunt areas shall cost \$5 per animal if the animal is donated to the Hunters Against Hunger program. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Title struck and passed by the Senate 40-0. Bill goes dormant in the House Agriculture, Wildlife and Environment Committee.

Senate Bill 361 by Sen. Shortey. Making all laser sighting devices that project an artificial light or beam illegal for hunting, except persons who are 100 percent disabled as certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders this state, if the person is hunting on private property and is accompanied by a licensed hunter as provided in Section 4-112 of Title 29. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 370 by Sen. Sparks. Directs that all lineal descendants of a hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing lifetime license holder who died in the line of duty during a wartime operation shall inherit the lifetime license. Bill would be effective Nov. 1, 2011. Bill goes dormant in the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Senate Bill 829 by Sen. Sparks. Increases the fine for trespassing to not less than \$1,500 nor more than \$2,500 for a first offense and not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$5,000 for second and subsequent offenses. Bill went dormant in the Senate Judiciary Committee.