

2024 Legislative Session

Legislation that has been signed by the Governor:

HB 3462 by Reps. Nick Archer and Sen. Grant Green. Directs ODWC to do genetic testing of wild deer for CWD resistance markers (ODWC has said it intends to test 1,000 deer), across 10 management zones, followed by a scientific review to determine if rules will be enacted to allow for release of deer into the wild. If warranted, rules would be promulgated by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture.

HB 3856 by Rep. Rusty Cornwell and Sen. Dewayne Pemberton. House floor substitute creates a \$5, 5-day upland winged game license, excluding wild turkeys, for hunters on commercial hunt areas and specifies it will be available as a hardcopy booklet for sale (and to be issued by) licensed areas.

HB 3997 by Rep. Scott Fetgatter and Sen. David Bullard. Removes certain date limitations on the use of cyanide gas traps for predator control.

HB 4060 by Rep. Kevin Wallace and Sen. Grant Green. Provides a process whereby meat processors can obtain liability protections against harms related to the donation of wild game to charitable organizations and food banks under certain circumstances.

SB 941 by Sen. David Bullard and Rep. Ty Burns. Carryover bill from the 2023 session. Consolidates more than 50 hunting and fishing licenses into 15; creates a youth super license (all species) and provides for certain higher license costs for non-residents.

SB 1243 by Sen. Roger Thompson and Rep. Kevin Wallace. Repealing the authorization to use bonds issued through the Capitol Improvement Authority to purchase public hunting and fishing property.

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Legislation that has gone dormant:

HB 1229 by Speaker Charles McCall and Sen. Chuck Hall. Carry over bill from the 2023 session. Transfer licensure and responsibilities for commercial hunting areas to the Department of Agriculture. Passed by the House, passed by the Senate Ag and Rural Affairs Committee; bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

HB 2353 by Rep. Eddy Dempsey and Sen. Grant Green. Carry over bill from the 2023 session. Directs the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to set bear season no earlier than Sept. 1. Passed the House. Bill amended and passed by the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee to require the season opener be set no earlier than Sept. 1 and no later than Sept. 15. Bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

HB 2862 by Rep. Kevin Wallace and Sen. Chuck Hall. Carry over bill from the 2023 session. Establishes that the Department of Agriculture shall be the only state entity to establish policy for Chronic Wasting Disease in Oklahoma. Passed by the House, passed by the Senate Ag and Rural Affairs Committee; bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

B 2270 by Rep. Rick West and Sen. Warren Hamilton. Carry over bill from the 2023 session. Would require non-residents to buy a \$85 habitat stamp to hunt on wildlife management areas. Would earmark the funds for maintenance and improvement of those public lands. Passed by the House Wildlife Committee, went dormant awaiting action by the full House.

HB 3427 by Rep. Nick Archer and Sen. Dossett – Creates a tax credit of 50 percent of the cost of gun safe or firearms safety device, not to exceed \$1,000. Title stricken and passed by the House; bill passed by the Senate Public Safety Committee and by the Senate Finance Committee; bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

HB 3429 by Rep. Nick Archer and Sen. Haste. Creates – Provides that rifle firearm ammunition designed to be used in connection with hunting deer shall be exempt from state sales tax, beginning the Friday before the firearms deer season opener and running 3 days. Title stricken and passed by the House; bill passed by the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee; bill goes dormant awaiting action in the Senate Finance Committee.

HB 3504 by Reps. Chris Sneed and Nick Archer and Sen. Cody Rogers. Creates a tax credit for qualifying feral hog control devices, up to \$15,000. Passed by the House; bill passed by the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee; bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

HB 3804 by Rep. Burns and Sen. Weaver. Permits the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to employ attorneys to advise and represent them in legal actions. Passed by the House Wildlife Committee; went dormant awaiting action by the full House for action.

HB 3807 by Rep. Burns and Sen. Garvin. Specifying that the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may choose to have future CLEET-certified employees participate in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System. Title struck and passed by the House; committee substitute passed by the Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee. Bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate for consideration with language that provides the Wildlife Commission to enroll future new hires and provides for them to make a decision to join or not by Nov 1.

HB 4086 by Rep. Kevin Wallace and Sen. David Bullard. Raises the state duck stamp to \$20 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents; exempts anyone under 18. Bill would be effective July 1. Passed by the House; committee substitute directs the Department of Wildlife to produce an elk population study to be

presented to the Governor and Legislature. Passed by the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee. Bill goes dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

SB 196 by Sen. Michael Bergstrom and Rep. Jay Steagall. Carry over from the 2023 session. Removes affirmative action requirements from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and removes the power of the Director to make complaints and cause proceedings against persons. Passed by the Senate; bill went dormant awaiting action by the House Wildlife Committee.

SB 352 by Sen Casey Murdock and Rep. Kevin Wallace. Carry over from the 2023 session. Current version allows for the use of air-powered air-rifles (air bows) during archery season for antlerless deer only; allows physically disabled persons to use them during any season; and allows them to be used for taking nuisance wildlife and feral swine. Passed by the Senate; bill went dormant awaiting action by the House Wildlife Committee.

SB 876 by Sens. Roland Pederson and David Bullard and Rep. Ty Burns. Carry over bill from the 2023 session. Establishes certain restrictions and regulations surrounding the issuance of hunting guide licenses and activities by non-residents. Passed by the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee; awaiting action by the full Senate.

SB 1336 by Sens. David Bullard and Blake Stephens. Creates a boating access fund under the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation that expands access to Oklahoma lakes and rivers, and makes an appropriation to the fund. Passed by the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee; referred to Appropriations and went dormant.

SB 1431 by Sen. David Bullard and Rep. Ty Burns. Establishes a reimbursement program for licensed farmed cervidae facilities making disposals as required by law. Passed Senate Appropriations Committee; bill went dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

SB 1636 by Sen. David Bullard and Rep. Humphrey. Directs the Department of Wildlife to produce an elk population study to be presented to the Governor and Legislature. Passed the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee; bill went dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

SB 1840 by Sen. Nathan Dahm and Rep. Kevin West. Adjusts several provisions relating to the Wildlife Conservation Commission's authority to designate endangered species, hiring directives of the Commission and the enforcement powers of the Director. Specifies the authority to manage all wildlife is pursuant to the Legislature. Specifies all wildlife found on publicly accessible lands is the property of the people state. Passed the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee; bill went dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

SB 1846 by Sen. Nathan Dahm and Rep. Kevin West. Prohibits game wardens from entering private property uninvited upon suspicion of the discharge of a firearm or bow. Passed the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee; bill went dormant awaiting action by the full Senate.

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