

Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2295

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

AN ACT concerning wildlife, parks and tourism; relating to crossbows; relating to deer hunting; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 32-937 and 32-1002 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 32-937 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-937. (a)

When used in this section:

(1) "Landowner" means a resident owner of farm or ranch land of 80 acres or more located in the state of Kansas.

(2) "Tenant" means an individual who is actively engaged in the agricultural operation of 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities or livestock and who: (A) Has a substantial financial investment in the production of agricultural commodities or livestock on such farm or ranch land and the potential to realize substantial financial benefit from such production; or (B) is a *bona fide* manager having an overall responsibility to direct, supervise and conduct such agricultural operation and has the potential to realize substantial benefit from such production in the form of salary, shares of such production or some other economic incentive based upon such production. Evidence of tenancy, if requested, shall be provided to the department and may include, but is not limited to, natural resource conservation services records, farm service agency records, or written agricultural contract or lease documentation.

(3) "Regular season" means a statewide big game hunting season authorized annually which may include one or more seasons restricted to specific types of equipment.

(4) "Special season" means a big game hunting season in addition to a regular season authorized on an irregular basis or at different times of the year other than the regular season.

(5) "General permit" means a big game hunting permit available to Kansas residents not applying for big game permits as a landowner or tenant.

(6) "Nonresident landowner" means a nonresident of the state of Kansas who owns farm or ranch land of 80 acres or more which is located in the state of Kansas.

(7) "Nonresident permit" means a big game hunting permit available to individuals who are not Kansas residents.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law or rules and regulations of the secretary and in addition to any other license, permit or stamp required by law or rules and regulations of the secretary, valid big game permits are required to take any big game in this state.

(c) The fee for big game permits and game tags shall be the amount prescribed pursuant to K.S.A. 32-988, and amendments thereto.

(d) Big game permits are valid throughout the state or such portion thereof as provided by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto.

(e) Unless otherwise provided by law or rules and regulations of the secretary, big game permits are valid from the date of issuance and shall expire at the end of the season for which issued.

(f) The secretary may adopt, in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, rules and regulations for each regular or special big game hunting season and for each management unit regarding big game permits. The secretary is hereby authorized to issue big game permits pertaining to the taking of big game. Separate big game permits may be issued for each species of big game. No big game permits shall be issued until the secretary has established,

by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, a regular or special big game hunting season.

(g) The secretary may authorize, by rule and regulation adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, regular landowner or tenant hunt-on-your-own-land big game permits. Members of the landowner's or tenant's immediate family who are domiciled with the landowner or tenant may apply for resident big game permits as landowners or tenants, but the total number of landowner or tenant regular hunt-on-your-own-land permits issued to a landowner or tenant and a landowner's or tenant's immediate family members for each big game species shall not exceed one permit for each 80 acres owned by such landowner or operated by such tenant. Evidence of ownership or tenancy, if requested, shall be provided to the department. Such permits and applications may contain provisions and restrictions as prescribed by rule and regulation adopted by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto.

(h) Special hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits may be issued to a landowner's or tenant's siblings and lineal ascendants or descendants, and their spouses, whether or not a Kansas resident, by paying the required fee for a general deer permit. The total number of regular and special hunt-on-your-own-land deer permits issued to a landowner's or tenant's siblings and lineal ascendants or descendants, and their spouses, shall not exceed one deer permit for each 80 acres owned by such landowner or operated by such tenant. Evidence of ownership or tenancy, and sibling or lineal ascending or descending relations, if requested, shall be provided to the department.

(i) Fifty percent of the big game permits authorized for a regular season in any management unit shall be issued to landowners or tenants, provided that a limited number of big

game permits have been authorized and landowner or tenant hunt-on-your-own-land big game permits for that unit have not been authorized. A landowner or tenant is not eligible to apply for a big game permit as a landowner or as a tenant in a management unit other than the unit or units which includes such landowner's or tenant's land. Any big game permits not issued to landowners or tenants within the time period prescribed by rule and regulation may be issued without regard to the 50% limitation.

(j) (1) The secretary may issue, by rules and regulations adopted in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, resident deer hunting permits available on a limited basis and valid for a designated species and sex in designated units, and antlerless-only deer permits in designated units as necessary for management purposes, and, any of the following options:

~~(1)~~ (A) Either sex white-tailed deer permits valid statewide during any season with the equipment legal for that season;

~~(2)~~ (B) either species, either sex archery permits valid statewide;

~~(3)~~ (C) either species, either sex muzzle loader permits valid in designated units; or

~~(4)~~ (D) either species, either sex firearm permits valid in designated units.

(2) The secretary shall develop and implement a pre-rut antlerless deer rifle season.

The provisions of this subparagraph shall expire on July 1, 2014.

(k) The secretary may issue permits for deer to nonresident landowners, but any such permit shall be restricted to hunting only on lands owned by the nonresident landowner.

(l) The secretary may issue deer hunting permits to nonresidents, subject to the following limitations:

(1) The total number of nonresident deer permits that may be issued for a deer season in a management unit and which may be used to take antlered deer shall be established with the goal of meeting demand for those permits, using a formula developed by the department that will consider adjustment factors, including deer population trends, deer-related vehicle accidents, age structure in the harvest, deer damage, landowner desire for nonresident deer permits, general public desires and health of habitat. The 2008 permit numbers shall be based on the adjustment factors and an average of nonresident demand for permits in each management unit from the previous six years, establishing at least a 10% increase but not more than 50% increase in permit numbers in each management unit, except in unit 16, where permit numbers shall not increase more than 100%. In subsequent years, the formula shall be used to determine permit allocations based on demand and the adjustment factors.

(2) Nonresident deer permits may be restricted to a particular deer species.

(3) Nonresident deer permits shall be restricted to two adjacent deer management units.

(4) Nonresident deer hunters shall select one season at the time of application.

(5) For an additional fee, nonresident deer hunters applying for a whitetail either sex archery or muzzle loader permit in a designated mule deer unit may also apply for one of the limited number of mule deer stamps. If they are successful in both drawings, they would be issued a permit that will allow them to take either a whitetail deer or a mule deer in that unit.

(m) A big game permit shall state the species, number and sex of the big game which may be killed by the permittee. The secretary may require any big game permittee to provide survey information at the conclusion of the open season.

(n) Prior to April 1, 2013, the secretary shall develop and implement a combination
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antlered and antlerless deer permit and adopt rules and regulations for the administration thereof.

~~(n)~~ (o) The permittee shall permanently affix the carcass tag to the carcass of any big game animal immediately after killing and thereafter take such killed game to a check station as may be required in the rules and regulations, where a check station tag shall be affixed to the big game carcass if the kill is legal. The tags shall remain affixed to the carcass until the carcass is processed for storage or consumption. The permittee shall retain the carcass tag until the carcass is consumed, given to another or otherwise disposed of.

~~(e)~~ (p) The provisions of this section do not apply to big game animals sold in surplus property disposal sales of department exhibit herds or big game animals legally taken outside this state.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 32-1002 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-1002. (a) Unless and except as permitted by law or rules and regulations adopted by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, it is unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Hunt, fish, furharvest or take any wildlife in this state by any means or manner;
- (2) possess any wildlife, dead or alive, at any time or in any number, in this state;
- (3) purchase, sell, exchange, ship or offer for sale, exchange or shipment any wildlife in this state;
- (4) take any wildlife in this state for sale, exchange or other commercial purposes;
- (5) possess any seine, trammel net, hoop net, fyke net, fish gig, fish spear, fish trap or other device, contrivance or material for the purpose of taking wildlife; or
- (6) take or use, at any time or in any manner, any game bird, game animal, coyote or furbearing animal, whether pen-raised or wild, in any field trial or for training dogs.

(b) The provisions of subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) do not apply to animals sold in surplus property disposal sales of department exhibit herds or animals legally taken outside this state, except the provisions of subsection (a)(3) shall apply to:

- (1) The meat of game animals legally taken outside this state; and
- (2) other restrictions as provided by rule and regulation of the secretary.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent:

- (1) Any person from taking starlings or English and European sparrows;
- (2) owners or legal occupants of land from killing any animals when found in or near buildings on their premises or when destroying property, subject to the following: (A) The provisions of all federal laws and regulations governing protected species and the provisions of K.S.A. 32-957 through 32-963, and amendments thereto, and rules and regulations adopted thereunder; (B) it is unlawful to use, or possess with intent to use, any such animal so killed unless authorized by rules and regulations of the secretary; and (C) such owners or legal occupants shall make reasonable efforts to alleviate their problems with any such animals before killing them;

(3) any person who is licensed under the personal and family protection act, K.S.A. 75-7c01 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, from exercising the right to carry a concealed handgun while lawfully hunting, fishing or furharvesting; ~~or~~

(4) any person who lawfully possesses a device or attachment of any kind designed, used or intended for use in suppressing the report of any firearm from using such device or attachment in conjunction with lawful hunting, fishing or furharvesting; or

(d) any person who has been issued a big game permit pursuant to K.S.A. 32-937, and

amendments thereto, from using a crossbow during an archery big game season for which such permit is valid.

~~(d)~~ (e) Any person convicted of violating provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in K.S.A. 32-1031, and amendments thereto, except as provided in K.S.A. 32-1032, and amendments thereto, relating to big game and wild turkey.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 32-937 and 32-1002 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.