

CHAPTER 144
SENATE BILL No. 188

AN ACT relating to wildlife; concerning game breeders; commercialization of wildlife; amending K.S.A. 32-951 and K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 32-1005 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 32-951 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-951. (a) Except as provided further, a game breeder permit is required to engage in the business of raising and selling game birds, game animals, furbearing animals or such other wildlife as required by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto.

(b) Any person who desires to engage in the business described in subsection (a) may apply to the secretary for a game breeder permit. The application shall give the name and residence of the applicant, the description of the premises, the number and kind of birds or animals which it is proposed to propagate and any other information required by the secretary. The fee prescribed pursuant to K.S.A. 32-988 and amendments thereto shall accompany the application.

(c) If the secretary determines that the application is made in good faith and that the premises are suitable for engaging in the business described in subsection (a), the secretary may issue such permit. The permit shall expire on June 30 of each year.

(d) Game breeders shall make such reports of their activities to the secretary as required by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto. In addition to any other penalty prescribed by law, failure to make such reports or to comply with the laws of the state of Kansas or rules and regulations of the secretary shall be grounds for the secretary to refuse to issue, refuse to renew, suspend or revoke such permit.

(e) The secretary shall adopt, in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805 and amendments thereto, such rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

(f) Any person who is engaged in the business of raising domesticated deer shall not be required to have a game breeder permit as required by this section. As used in this section, "domesticated deer" means any member of the family cervidae which was legally obtained and is being sold or raised in a confined area for breeding stock; for any carcass, skin or part of such animal; for exhibition; or for companionship.

(g) The secretary, on a quarterly basis, shall transmit to the livestock commissioner a current list of persons issued a game breeder permit issued pursuant to this section who are raising or selling any member of the family cervidae.

(h) Any person holding a game breeder permit from the secretary is hereby authorized to recapture any game bird that such game breeder is permitted to raise or sell whenever any such game bird has escaped from confinement for any reason. The authorized area for such recapture is hereby limited to a one-quarter mile radius of the game breeder's operation from which the escape from confinement occurred, provided the game breeder has the prior approval of the owner of the land upon which the recapture will occur and has notified the department prior to the recapture.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 32-1005 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-1005. (a) Commercialization of wildlife is knowingly committing any of the following, except as permitted by statute or rules and regulations:

(1) Capturing, killing or possessing, for profit or commercial purposes, all or any part of any wildlife protected by this section;

(2) selling, bartering, purchasing or offering to sell, barter or purchase, for profit or commercial purposes, all or any part of any wildlife protected by this section;

(3) shipping, exporting, importing, transporting or carrying; causing to be shipped, exported, imported, transported or carried; or delivering or receiving for shipping, exporting, importing, transporting or carrying all or any part of any wildlife protected by this section, for profit or commercial purposes; or

(4) purchasing, for personal use or consumption, all or any part of any wildlife protected by this section.

(b) The wildlife protected by this section and the minimum value thereof are as follows:

(1) Eagles, \$1,000;

(2) deer or antelope, ~~\$400~~ \$1,000;

(3) elk or buffalo, ~~\$600~~ \$1,500;

(4) furbearing animals, *except bobcats*, \$25;

(5) *bobcats*, \$200;

~~(5)~~ (6) wild turkey, ~~\$75~~ \$200;

~~(6)~~ (7) owls, hawks, falcons, kites, harriers or ospreys, ~~\$200~~ \$500;

~~(7)~~ (8) game birds, migratory game birds, resident and migratory non-game birds, game animals and nongame animals, ~~\$20~~ \$50 unless a higher amount is specified above;

~~(8)~~ (9) fish and mussels, the value for which shall be no less than the value listed for the appropriate fish or mussels species in the monetary values of freshwater fish or mussels and fish kill counting guidelines of the American fisheries society, special publication number 30;

~~(9)~~ (10) turtles, ~~\$10~~ \$25 each for unprocessed turtles or ~~\$8~~ \$16 per pound or fraction of a pound for processed turtle parts;

~~(10)~~ (11) bullfrogs, ~~\$2~~ \$4, whether dressed or not dressed;

~~(11)~~ (12) any wildlife classified as threatened or endangered, ~~\$200~~ \$500 unless a higher amount is specified above; and

~~(12)~~ (13) any other wildlife not listed above, ~~\$10~~ \$25.

(c) Possession of wildlife, in whole or in part, captured or killed in violation of law and having an aggregate value of \$1,000 or more, as specified in subsection (b), is prima facie evidence of possession for profit or commercial purposes.

(d) Commercialization of wildlife having an aggregate value of \$1,000 or more, as specified in subsection (b), is a severity level 10, nonperson felony. Commercialization of wildlife having an aggregate value of less than \$1,000, as specified in subsection (b), is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

(e) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a court convicting a person of the crime of commercialization of wildlife may:

(1) Confiscate all equipment used in the commission of the crime and may revoke for a period of up to 10 years all licenses and permits issued to the convicted person by the Kansas department of wildlife and parks; and

(2) order restitution to be paid to the Kansas department of wildlife and parks for the wildlife taken, which restitution shall be in an amount not less than the aggregate value of the wildlife, as specified in subsection (b).

(f) The provisions of this section shall apply only to wildlife illegally harvested and possessed by any person having actual knowledge that such wildlife was illegally harvested.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 32-951 and K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 32-1005 are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 18, 2007.
