

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3388

By: Covey

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; requiring persons who keep certain nonnative bears or cats to comply with certain restrictions; providing a penalty for violations; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-802 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any person who keeps and maintains any nonnative bear or cat that will grow to reach the weight of fifty (50) pounds or more shall:

1. Be required to obtain a valid license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture;

2. At all times keep the bear or cat confined in an enclosure; and

3. At all times shall keep the bear or cat controlled and restrained in a manner so the life, limb, or property of any person on the premises or near the premises where the bear or cat is being kept shall not be endangered.

B. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed one (1) year or by both the fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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