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H.B. No. 1699

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the taking of unbanded pen-reared pheasant and quail by certain landowners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0211 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0211. TAKING OF UNBANDED PEN-REARED PHEASANT OR QUAIL BY CERTAIN LANDOWNERS. (a) This section applies only to:

(1) noncommercial activity; and

(2) the taking of pheasant or quail on a property of at least five contiguous acres.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law requiring the banding of a bird, a person, or the person's guest when accompanied by the person, may take on the person's property unbanded pen-reared pheasant or quail.

(c) Nothing in this section:

(1) affects the requirement to acquire a license under Section 45.001 for the propagation of game birds; or

(2) authorizes a person to:

(A) exceed a bag limit for pheasant or quail; or

(B) take pheasant or quail during a closed season.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.