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H.B. No. 1699

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the taking of unbanded pen-reared quail and pheasants 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 QUAIL OR PHEASANT 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 at any time unbanded pen-reared quail or pheasant. Nothing in this section affects the requirement to acquire a license under Section 45.001 for the propagation of game birds.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.