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H.B. No. 3081

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of digital tags for the taking of certain animals.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0101 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0101. DIGITAL TAGS. (a) The department shall develop and implement a program for the issuance of digital tags for animals, including birds, to holders of hunting licenses authorizing the taking of those animals.

(b) A program developed under this section must:

(1) provide for the issuance of digital tags to the holder of a hunting license;

(2) allow the holder of a hunting license to create a digital record at the time of the taking of an animal that includes:

(A) the date and location of the taking;

(B) a clear photograph of the carcass of the taken animal; and

(C) any other information required by the department; and

(3) require the holder of a hunting license to upload to the department, through a mobile application, the digital record created under Subdivision (2) as soon as possible after the taking of the animal.

1        (c) A person using a digital tag must retain in the person's  
2 possession the digital record created under Subsection (b) at all  
3 times before the carcass is finally processed.

4        (d) Unless the context requires otherwise, a reference  
5 under this code to a tag includes a digital tag issued under a  
6 program developed under this section.

7        SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2022, the Parks and  
8 Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement  
9 Section 42.0101, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act.

10        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.