

1-1 By: Krause, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Springer) H.B. No. 3081
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021;
 1-3 May 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the issuance of digital tags for the taking of certain
 1-20 animals.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended
 1-23 by adding Section 42.0101 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 42.0101. DIGITAL TAGS; RULES. (a) The commission by
 1-25 rule may develop and implement a program for the issuance of digital
 1-26 tags for animals, including birds, to holders of hunting licenses
 1-27 authorizing the taking of those animals.

1-28 (b) A program developed under this section may include:

1-29 (1) providing for the issuance of digital tags to the
 1-30 holder of a hunting license;

1-31 (2) allowing a person using a digital tag to create a
 1-32 digital record at the time of the taking of an animal that includes
 1-33 information required by the department;

1-34 (3) requiring a person using a digital tag to create
 1-35 the digital record described by Subdivision (2) as soon as possible
 1-36 after the taking of the animal; and

1-37 (4) requiring a person using a digital tag to retain in
 1-38 the person's possession documentation of the digital record
 1-39 described by Subdivision (2) at all times before the carcass is
 1-40 finally processed.

1-41 (c) Unless the context requires otherwise, a reference
 1-42 under this code to a tag includes a digital tag issued under a
 1-43 program developed under this section.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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