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S.B. No. 563

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the classification of certain exotic livestock and exotic and nongame animals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.001(a)(4), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Exotic livestock" means grass-eating or plant-eating, single-hooved or cloven-hooved mammals that are not indigenous to this state and are known as ungulates, including animals from the swine, horse, tapir, rhinoceros, elephant, deer, and antelope families. The term does not include elk.

SECTION 2. Section 43.103(3), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Exotic animals" includes exotic livestock and exotic fowl as defined by Section 161.001(a), Agriculture Code, wild animals that are nonindigenous to Texas, and aoudad sheep. The term does not include [~~and~~] elk.

SECTION 3. Section 62.015(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "exotic animal" means exotic livestock or exotic fowl as defined by Section 161.001(a), Agriculture Code, or aoudad sheep. The term does not include [~~or~~] elk.

SECTION 4. Section 67.0011, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           Sec. 67.0011. EXEMPTIONS [~~EXEMPTION OF CRAYFISH~~]. This  
2 chapter does not apply to:

3                 (1) crayfish, other than in public water; or

4                 (2) elk.

5           SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
6 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
7 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered  
8 by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former  
9 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this  
10 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this  
11 Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

12           SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.