

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 675  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 12, 2021; March 11, 2021,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture &  
 1-4 Rural Affairs; March 22, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 22, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to special open season hunting of certain migratory game  
 1-20 birds by veterans and members of the United States armed forces on  
 1-21 active duty.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 61.058, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
 1-24 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-25 (c) A special open season provided for by the commission  
 1-26 under Subsection (a) may be combined with a special open season  
 1-27 provided for by the commission under Section 61.059.

1-28 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Parks and Wildlife  
 1-29 Code, is amended by adding Section 61.059 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 61.059. HUNTING OF CERTAIN MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS BY  
 1-31 VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY ARMED FORCES MEMBERS. (a) The commission  
 1-32 may provide for special open seasons during which the taking and  
 1-33 possession of ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and  
 1-34 gallinules are restricted to veterans, as defined by 38 U.S.C.  
 1-35 Section 101, and members of the armed forces of the United States on  
 1-36 active duty, including members of the national guard and reserves  
 1-37 on active duty other than for training.

1-38 (b) A special open season provided for by the commission  
 1-39 under Subsection (a) may be combined with a special open season  
 1-40 provided for by the commission under Section 61.058.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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