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H.B. No. 815

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a landowner's killing certain depredating animals.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 42.002, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.002. RESIDENT LICENSE REQUIRED; EXEMPTION.

SECTION 2. Section 42.002, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (b) and (c) of this section, no resident may hunt any bird or animal in this state without having acquired a hunting license.

(c) A resident landowner may hunt depredating feral hogs on the resident landowner's land without having acquired a hunting license.

SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.158 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.158. RESIDENT LANDOWNER PERMIT EXEMPTION. Nothing in this subchapter prevents a resident landowner from hunting depredating feral hogs on the resident landowner's land without having acquired a permit under this subchapter.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.