

AN ACT

relating to a landowner's taking of depredating feral hogs.

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 or the landowner's agent or lessee may take feral hogs causing depredation on the resident landowner's land without having acquired a hunting license.

SECTION 3. Section 42.005, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (f), no [No] nonresident may hunt any bird or animal in this state without first having acquired a general nonresident hunting license, a nonresident special hunting license, or a nonresident five-day special hunting license.

(f) A nonresident landowner or the landowner's agent or

1 lessee may take feral hogs causing depredation on the nonresident
2 landowner's land without having acquired a hunting license required
3 by this chapter.

4 SECTION 4. Subchapter H, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 43.158 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 43.158. LANDOWNER PERMIT EXEMPTION. Nothing in this
7 subchapter prevents a landowner or the landowner's agent or lessee
8 from taking depredating feral hogs on the landowner's land without
9 having acquired a permit under this subchapter.

10 SECTION 5. 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, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 236 passed the Senate on April 3, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 2; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 236 passed the House, with amendment, on May 2, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor