

AN ACT

relating to the creation of resident and nonresident fishing guide licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (6), Section 47.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Fishing guide" means a person who, ~~[operates a boat]~~ accompanies, assists, or transports ~~[to accompany or to transport]~~ a person or persons engaged in fishing in the water of this state.

SECTION 2. Section 47.004, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 47.004. RESIDENT FISHING GUIDE LICENSE. (a) No resident ~~[person]~~ may engage in business as a fishing guide unless the resident ~~[person]~~ has obtained a resident fishing guide license.

(b) ~~[The license fee for a fishing guide license is \$50 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more.]~~

~~[(c)]~~ The commission may adopt rules governing the issuance and use of a resident fishing guide license, including rules creating separate resident fishing guide licenses for use in saltwater and freshwater.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 47, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 47.005 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 47.005. NONRESIDENT FISHING GUIDE LICENSE. (a) No
2 nonresident may engage in business as a fishing guide unless the
3 nonresident has obtained a nonresident fishing guide license.

4 (b) The commission may adopt rules governing the issuance
5 and use of a nonresident fishing guide license, including rules
6 creating separate nonresident fishing guide licenses for use in
7 saltwater and freshwater.

8 SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 47, Parks and Wildlife
9 Code, is amended by adding Section 47.006 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 47.006. LICENSE FEE. The license fee for resident,
11 nonresident, freshwater, and saltwater guides is \$75 or an amount
12 for each guide type set separately by the commission, whichever
13 amount is more.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 608 passed the Senate on March 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 608 passed the House on May 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor