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S.B. No. 608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the creation of resident and nonresident fishing guide  
3 licenses.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (b) The license fee for a resident fishing guide license is  
18 \$50 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more.

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

23 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 47, Parks and Wildlife  
24 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 license fee for a nonresident fishing guide license  
5 is \$500 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is  
6 more.

7       (c) The commission may adopt rules governing the issuance  
8 and use of a nonresident fishing guide license, including rules  
9 creating separate nonresident fishing guide licenses for use in  
10 saltwater and freshwater.

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