

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2926** by Geren (Relating to the regulation of marine manufacturers, dealers, and distributors.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2926, As Passed 2nd House: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$0
2005	\$0
2006	\$0
2007	\$0
2008	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>GAME, FISH, WATER SAFETY AC</i> 9	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GAME, FISH, WATER SAFETY AC</i> 9
2004	\$299,000	\$26,400
2005	\$0	\$27,900
2006	\$299,000	\$27,900
2007	\$0	\$27,900
2008	\$299,000	\$30,400

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill amends the Parks and Wildlife Code to require the licensing of boat dealers, distributors, and manufacturers by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The bill sets the license fee at \$500. A license would be valid for two years and could not be transferred to another person. The bill authorizes the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to establish rules and regulations to administer the program including the setting of administrative fees for access to ownership records, and issuing bonded titles.

**Methodology**

Based on Section 31.041(e) of the substitute, this analysis assumes the \$500 fee is a replacement rather than an addition to the currently authorized fee of \$130. The estimate is based on data from the

U.S. Bureau of Census *2000 County Business Patterns—Texas* on boat dealers, manufacturers, and distributors, and was adjusted for a licensing frequency of two years and the licensing exemption regarding certain small boats.

Section 31.049(c) of the substitute deletes the requirement for non-negotiable titles. As a result, some cost savings are estimated for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. These estimates are based on the current number of non-negotiable titles, paper and postage costs.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 802 Parks and Wildlife Department, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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