

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1271
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

During the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, H.B. 1858 amended Chapter 47, Agriculture Code, to create the Shrimp Marketing Program. The program was to be funded at a minimum level of \$250,000 per year through transfers made by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). It provided revenue sources to fund the program, including a surcharge on certain shrimp related licenses issued by TPWD. The surcharge was limited to an increase of up to 10 percent of the license fees established by TPWD effective September 1, 2002.

As proposed, S.B. 1271 extends the duration of the 10 percent increase in fees for certain shrimp licenses for an additional two years.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 47.021, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, to provide that this section expires September 1, 2007, rather than 2005.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 77.049, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, to provide that this section expires September 1, 2007, rather than 2005.

SECTION 3. Effective date: August 29, 2005.

EFFECTIVE DATE

August 29, 2005