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H.B. No. 185

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use and placement of certain hunting blinds and wildlife feeders.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 62, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 62.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.002. CERTAIN PLACEMENT AND USE OF BLINDS AND FEEDERS PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Hunting blind" means a temporary or permanent structure designed to wholly or partly conceal a person from view while the person hunts.

(2) "Wildlife feeder" means an automatic or manual mechanical device designed to provide food to native or exotic wildlife.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), no person may:

(1) place or build a hunting blind or wildlife feeder less than 150 yards from a fence that separates property owned by one person from property owned by another person; or

(2) hunt from or use a hunting blind or wildlife feeder that is less than 150 yards from a fence that separates property owned by one person from property owned by another person.

(c) This section does not apply to:

(1) a landowner who possesses a written agreement with an adjoining landowner that allows the placement of a hunting blind

1 or wildlife feeder less than 150 yards from a common fence or
2 boundary shared by the landowners; or

3 (2) a person hunting from or using a hunting blind or
4 wildlife feeder at a location that is allowed under a written
5 agreement between adjoining landowners.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.