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H.B. No. 506

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to hunting on or over certain submerged land; providing a penalty.

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. HUNTING ON OR OVER CERTAIN SUBMERGED LAND. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person may not hunt or take any wild animal or wild bird when the person is on or over privately owned land that is:

(1) conspicuously marked as privately owned; and

(2) submerged under public water.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) fishing or to fish and other aquatic life; or

(2) a person who:

(A) owns the submerged land; or

(B) obtains the landowner's consent.

SECTION 2. Section 61.022(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) No person may hunt or catch by any means or method or possess a wildlife resource at any time and at any place covered by this chapter unless the owner of the land, submerged land, or water, or the owner's agent, consents.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.