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H.B. No. 1352

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the state policy on fish and wildlife management and hunting and fishing.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 1.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 1.003. POLICY ON FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT; HUNTING AND FISHING. Hunting and fishing are a valued part of our heritage and will be forever preserved for the people. Fish and wildlife shall be managed by laws and rules that provide individuals with the continued opportunity to take, by traditional means and methods, species traditionally pursued by hunters, anglers, and trappers. Fish and wildlife management, including taking, shall be consistent with the state's duty to protect this heritage and conserve wild animals, birds, and fish.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.