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H.B. No. 1703

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the hunting of certain wounded or dangerous wildlife.

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 OF SEVERELY WOUNDED OR DANGEROUS WILDLIFE. (a) In this section, "wildlife" means a wild mammal, bird, fish, reptile, or amphibian.

(b) A person may hunt by any method wildlife that:

(1) leaves a blood trail or is unable to move but would leave a blood trail if the wildlife were able to move; or

(2) behaves in a manner that:

(A) is inconsistent with the manner in which wildlife that is not diseased typically behaves; and

(B) leads a reasonable person to believe that the wildlife poses a substantial risk of serious harm to a person or another wildlife resource.

(c) Not later than the second day after the date on which a person hunts wildlife under this section, the person shall report the hunting to the department in the manner prescribed by the commission.

(d) The department may not require a person to possess a license or permit to hunt wildlife under this section.

(e) The commission shall adopt or amend rules as necessary

1 to implement this section.

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