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H.B. No. 2027

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of certain rivers and streams in particular counties; providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Title 7, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Chapter 284 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 284. DIMMIT, EDWARDS, FRIO, KENEDY, KERR, KIMBLE, LLANO, MASON, MAVERICK, REAL, UVALDE, AND ZAVALA COUNTIES

Sec. 284.001. DISCHARGE OF FIREARM PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section 62.014.

(2) "Navigable river or stream" has the meaning assigned by Section 90.001.

(b) This section applies only to a navigable river or stream located wholly or partly in Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, or Zavala County.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person may not discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from any kind of bow if:

(1) the person is located in or on the bed or bank of a navigable river or stream at the time the firearm is discharged or the arrow is shot from the bow; or

(2) any portion of the ammunition discharged or arrow

1 shot could physically contact the bed or bank of a navigable river  
2 or stream.

3 (d) This section does not apply to:

4 (1) an individual acting in the scope of the  
5 individual's duties as a peace officer or department employee; or

6 (2) the discharge of a shotgun loaded with ammunition  
7 that releases only shot when discharged.

8 (e) This section does not limit the ability of a license  
9 holder to carry a concealed handgun under the authority of  
10 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

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