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H.B. No. 2027

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the discharge of certain firearms in or on the beds or
3 banks of certain rivers and streams in Dimmit, Frio, Uvalde, and
4 Zavala Counties; providing a penalty.

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

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

8 CHAPTER 284. DIMMIT, FRIO, UVALDE, AND ZAVALA COUNTIES

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

11 (1) "Firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section
12 62.014.

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

15 (b) This section applies only to a navigable river or stream
16 located wholly or partly in Dimmit, Frio, Uvalde, or Zavala County.

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

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

22 (2) any portion of the ammunition discharged or arrow
23 shot could physically contact the bed or bank of a navigable river
24 or stream.

1 (d) This section does not apply to:

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

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

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

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