

1-1 By: Hilderbran (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 2027
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2005;
1-3 May 3, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 17, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 17, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2027 By: Seliger

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the use of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of
1-11 certain rivers and streams in particular counties; providing a
1-12 penalty.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Title 7, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by
1-15 adding Chapter 284 to read as follows:

1-16 CHAPTER 284. DIMMIT, EDWARDS, FRIO, KENEDY, KERR, LLANO, MAVERICK,
1-17 REAL, UVALDE, AND ZAVALA COUNTIES

1-18 Sec. 284.001. DISCHARGE OF FIREARM PROHIBITED. (a) In this
1-19 section:

1-20 (1) "Firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section
1-21 62.014.

1-22 (2) "Navigable river or stream" has the meaning
1-23 assigned by Section 90.001.

1-24 (b) This section applies only to a navigable river or stream
1-25 located wholly or partly in Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kenedy, Kerr,
1-26 Llano, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, or Zavala County.

1-27 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person may not
1-28 discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from any kind of bow if:

1-29 (1) the person is located in or on the bed or bank of a
1-30 navigable river or stream at the time the firearm is discharged or
1-31 the arrow is shot from the bow; or

1-32 (2) any portion of the ammunition discharged or arrow
1-33 shot could physically contact the bed or bank of a navigable river
1-34 or stream.

1-35 (d) This section does not apply to:

1-36 (1) an individual acting in the scope of the
1-37 individual's duties as a peace officer or department employee; or

1-38 (2) the discharge of a shotgun loaded with ammunition
1-39 that releases only shot when discharged.

1-40 (e) This section does not limit the ability of a license
1-41 holder to carry a concealed handgun under the authority of
1-42 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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