

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 6, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Harvey Hilderbran, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation, & Tourism

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB506** by Hilderbran (Relating to hunting on or over certain submerged land; providing a penalty. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapters 61 and 62 of the Parks and Wildlife Code to prohibit a person from hunting or taking any wild bird or animal when a person is on conspicuously marked, privately owned land submerged under public water. The bill would provide exceptions if a person is fishing or taking other aquatic life by means authorized by the Parks and Wildlife code, owns the submerged land, has the landowner's consent, is on certain land dedicated to the permanent school fund, or is on certain land located below the mean high tide of the Gulf of Mexico and its bays and estuaries.

New convictions for hunting or taking wild animals over certain submerged land may generate additional revenue. However, no significant fiscal implication to the state is anticipated. The bill would be take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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