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

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

IN RE: HB2555 by Kuempel (Relating to dispatching game animals and game birds.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 61 of the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to a defense to prosecution for humane dispatching of game animals and game birds. A person may humanely dispatch (meaning to kill by a humane method) a game animal or game bird that is mortally wounded, not through an act of hunting; or behaves in a manner that a diseased game animal or bird would typically behave; and leads a reasonable person to believe that the game animal or bird poses a substantial risk of serious harm to a person or wildlife. The bill would authorize the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules administering the new provisions; however, any new administrative costs would be minimal and the bill is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication to the State.

The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds vote from both houses; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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