

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1334
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law allows those with upper limb disabilities to use crossbows during an open archer season. However, many hunting enthusiasts believe that allowing the unfettered use of crossbows would increase interest in hunting and help provide for future generations of hunters and wildlife conservators.

C.S.H.B. 1334 would remove restrictions on the use of crossbows during archery season.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

C.S.H.B. 1334 does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends subsection (a) of Section 43.201, Parks and Wildlife Code, to remove those restrictions currently imposed on hunting with a crossbow during archery season.

SECTION 2. Provides an effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 1334 removes the proposed language that added a new exception to the restriction on hunting with a crossbow during archery season, and also removes the current restriction on the use of crossbows.