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H.B. No. 1016

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to allowing recreational metal detecting in designated  
3 areas of state parks.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 191.0525, Natural Resources Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

7 (j) This section does not apply to recreational metal  
8 detecting in designated areas of state parks.

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 13, Parks and Wildlife  
10 Code, is amended by adding Section 13.1021 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 13.1021. REGULATION OF RECREATIONAL METAL DETECTING IN  
12 STATE PARKS. (a) The department shall allow recreational metal  
13 detecting in designated areas of state parks subject to rules  
14 adopted by the commission.

15 (b) This section does not authorize the removal from state  
16 park land of any object, implement, or artifact the removal of which  
17 is prohibited under Chapter 191, Natural Resources Code.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2008.