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H.B. No. 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to a program to control or eradicate nuisance aquatic
- 3 vegetation.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 12.010, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 12.010. <u>NUISANCE OR</u> NOXIOUS <u>AQUATIC</u> VEGETATION
- 8 PROGRAM. (a) The department may implement a program to control or
- 9 eradicate nuisance aquatic vegetation, including hydrilla and
- 10 giant sylvania, from public water in this state.
- 11 (b) To implement the program under this section, the
- department may use money from unclaimed refunds of the tax on fuel
- 13 <u>used in motorboats appropriated to the department under Section</u>
- 14 162.502(c), Tax Code.
- 15 (c) The department may contract with a person not employed
- 16 by the department or use the services of department personnel for
- 17 the control or eradication of nuisance or noxious vegetation in the
- 18 water of this state.
- 19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.