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H.B. No. 3856

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an optional checkoff fee on fishing licenses for the benefit of the Texas Water Trust.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 46, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 46.0087 to read as follows:

Sec. 46.0087. OPTIONAL FEE FOR BENEFIT OF TEXAS WATER TRUST. (a) Each person to whom a license or tag is to be issued under this chapter may pay an optional fee for the benefit of the Texas Water Trust created by Section 15.7031, Water Code, at the time the person pays the fees required to be paid before the license or tag is issued.

(b) The minimum amount that may be paid by a person as an optional fee under this section is \$5. A person may pay more than the minimum amount.

(c) The commission's forms shall provide:

(1) spaces for a person to indicate the amount of the optional fee the person desires to pay under this section, with spaces for the amounts of \$5, \$10, or "other amount"; and

(2) a short explanation of the purpose of the optional fee.

(d) The optional fee paid by a person under this section shall be deposited in the general revenue fund to the credit of the Texas Water Development Board.

1 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the fees
2 paid under this section may be used only for the purpose of
3 acquiring water rights from willing sellers to be held by the Texas
4 Water Trust. In the event of a conflict between this section and
5 any provision of an appropriations act, this section prevails.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.