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S.B. No. 825

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a program to control or eradicate nuisance aquatic vegetation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.010, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.010. NUISANCE OR NOXIOUS AQUATIC VEGETATION PROGRAM. (a) The department may implement a program to control or eradicate nuisance aquatic vegetation, including hydrilla and giant sylvania, from public water in this state.

(b) To implement the program under this section, the department may use money from unclaimed refunds of the tax on fuel used in motorboats appropriated to the department under Section 162.502(c), Tax Code.

(c) The department may contract with a person not employed by the department or use the services of department personnel for the control or eradication of nuisance or noxious vegetation in the water of this state.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.