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S.B. No. 1668

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to license, stamp, tag, and permit provisions administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.703(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department may issue a license, stamp, tag, permit, or another similar item authorized by this code or federal law through the use of automated equipment and a point-of-sale system.

SECTION 2. Section 50.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Sections 43.204, 43.405, and 43.805, the commission shall allocate net revenue to individual stamp funds from the sale of stamps that are included in a combination license package according to a methodology the commission establishes. The methodology must incorporate:

(1) the proportionate discounted price of each stamp;

(2) the estimated utilization of each stamp; or

(3) a combination of the methods described by Subdivisions (1) and (2).

SECTION 3. Section 77.120(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In addition to fee increases the department is authorized to make under this code, the department shall increase

1 by 15 percent, but not by an amount that exceeds \$25, the fee for the
2 following licenses and shall deposit the amount of the increase to
3 the credit of the shrimp license buyback account:

4 (1) a bait-shrimp dealer's license issued under
5 Section 77.043;

6 (2) a wholesale fish dealer's license issued under
7 Section 47.009;

8 (3) a wholesale truck dealer's fish license issued
9 under Section 47.010;

10 (4) a retail fish dealer's license issued under
11 Section 47.011;

12 (5) a retail dealer's truck license issued under
13 Section 47.013;

14 (6) ~~[a shrimp house operator license issued under~~
15 ~~Section 77.042,~~

16 ~~[(7)]~~ a commercial bait-shrimp boat license issued
17 under Section 77.033;

18 (7) ~~[(8)]~~ a commercial bay shrimp boat license issued
19 under Section 77.031; and

20 (8) ~~[(9)]~~ a commercial gulf shrimp boat license issued
21 under Section 77.035 ~~[, and~~

22 ~~[(10) an individual bait-shrimp trawl license issued~~
23 ~~under Section 77.048].~~

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.