

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 2321  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, a native Texan who resides outside of Texas must purchase a nonresident license to hunt in Texas, even when hunting on his or her own property.

C.S.H.B. 2321 allows nonresidents who were born in Texas to purchase a lifetime hunting, fishing, or combination hunting and fishing license. The bill increases the minimum amount of the lifetime hunting and fishing license fees from \$300 to \$800 and the lifetime combination hunting and fishing license fee from \$500 to \$1500.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 2321 amends the Parks and Wildlife Code to authorize the Parks and Wildlife Department to issue a lifetime hunting license to a resident of Texas or a nonresident who was born in Texas, rather than to a resident only, and increases the minimum amount of the fee for the license from \$300 to \$800.

C.S.H.B. 2321 authorizes the department to issue a lifetime fishing license to a resident of Texas or a nonresident who was born in Texas, rather than to a resident only, and increases the amount of the fee for the license from \$300 to \$800.

C.S.H.B. 2321 authorizes the department to issue a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license to a resident of Texas or a nonresident who was born in Texas, rather than to a resident only, and increases the minimum amount of the fee for the license from \$500 to \$1500.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2009.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

C.S.H.B. 2321 differs from the original by increasing the minimum amount of the lifetime hunting and fishing license fees from \$300 to \$800, and increasing the minimum amount of the lifetime combination hunting and fishing license fee from \$500 to \$1500.