BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, there is an exception to the record book requirement in Chapter 62 (Provisions Generally Applicable to Hunting), Parks and Wildlife Code, enacted by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, for private, noncommercial, family-owned facilities.

As proposed, S.B. 1122 specifies that these facilities are not exempted from the record book requirement if the facility is located on a hunting lease, and the use of cold storage is part of the hunting lease. S.B. 1122 defines quartering, in Chapter 42 (General Hunting License), Parks and Wildlife Code, to exclude the trimmings from the neck and rib cage. The bill also modifies the definition to conform to current practice by allowing the hunter to process an animal down to the knee instead of all the way to the hock.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 42.001(8), Parks and Wildlife Code, to redefine "quartering."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 62.029, Parks and Wildlife Code, by amending Subsections (a) and (f) and adding Subsection (g), as follows:

(a) Defines "carcass," "cold storage or processing facility," "hunting lease," "public cold storage or processing facility," and "quartering." Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(f) Provides that this section does not apply to a private, noncommercial, family-owned cold storage or processing facility unless the facility is located on a hunting lease.

(g) Provides that this section does not require the entry or maintenance of a record for the carcass of a deer or antelope that is properly tagged unless the carcass is placed in a public cold storage or processing facility.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2009.