

1-1 By: Truitt (Senate Sponsor - Hegar) H.B. No. 693  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 30, 2009;  
1-3 April 24, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 7, 2009, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 7, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to an exemption from the structural pest control license  
1-9 requirement for certain falconers.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1951, Occupations Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 1951.057 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 1951.057. FALCONERS. (a) This chapter does not apply  
1-14 to a person engaged in falconry, as defined by Section 49.001, Parks  
1-15 and Wildlife Code, who:

1-16 (1) is the holder of a falconer's permit as provided by  
1-17 Chapter 49, Parks and Wildlife Code; and

1-18 (2) uses a raptor to control or relocate other birds.

1-19 (b) A person described by Subsection (a) is not considered  
1-20 to be engaged in the business of structural pest control.

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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