

1-1 By: Homer, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 968
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 30, 2009;
1-3 April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 7, 2009, reported adversely,
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 968 By: Estes

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the use of crossbows for hunting.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 43.201(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) or (d), no person
1-15 may hunt deer, turkey, or javelina (collared peccary) during an
1-16 open archery season provided by law or by the proclamations of the
1-17 commission and during which season only crossbows, ~~[used by hunters
1-18 with upper limb disabilities and]~~ longbows, recurved bows, and
1-19 compound bows may be used unless the person has acquired an archery
1-20 hunting stamp issued to the person by the department. The
1-21 commission by rule may prescribe requirements relating to
1-22 possessing a stamp required by this subchapter. In a county that
1-23 does not permit hunting with a firearm, a hunter may use a crossbow
1-24 only if the hunter is a person with upper limb disabilities and has
1-25 an archery hunting stamp.

1-26 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
1-27 proceeding regarding hunting with a crossbow that is pending or
1-28 filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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