

AN ACT

relating to the duty of the General Land Office to clean, maintain, and clear debris from a public beach affected by a declared disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.067, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Sections 61.065 and 61.066, the land office shall clean, maintain, and clear debris from a public beach that is located in an area designated as a threatened area in a declaration of a state of disaster issued under Section 418.014, Government Code. The duty of the land office under this subsection is limited to debris related to the event that is the subject of the disaster declaration.

SECTION 2. Section 61.082(a), Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Section 61.067(a-1), the ~~[The]~~ provisions of this subchapter shall not be construed to interfere with local initiative and responsibility in the cleaning, maintenance, and supervision of public beaches.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2457 was passed by the House on April 9, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2457 was passed by the Senate on April 23, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor