

By: Eiland

H.B. No. 2457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the duty of the General Land Office to clean, maintain,  
3 and clear debris from a public beach affected by a declared  
4 disaster.

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

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

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

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

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

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

H.B. No. 2457

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.