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S.B. No. 923

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice of proposed increases in fees charged by the Parks and Wildlife Department for certain permits.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subchapter A to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

[Sec. 43.001. Reserved]

Sec. 43.002. NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT FEE INCREASE. (a)

Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (c), the department shall provide written notice to a person who holds a permit issued by the department under this chapter at least 90 days before the date on which the amount of the fee for that type of permit is proposed to increase.

(b) The department is required to provide notice under Subsection (a) only if the proposed permit fee amount is at least three times the amount of the fee in effect for a permit of that type.

(c) The notice requirement under this section does not apply to a proposed fee increase for a license or other authorization issued by the department under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 43.002, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an increase in the fee for a permit as provided by that section that is proposed to take effect

1 on or after September 1, 2009. An increase in the fee for a permit
2 that is proposed to take effect before September 1, 2009, is
3 governed by the law in effect immediately before September 1, 2009,
4 and that law continues in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.