

By: Harris

S.B. No. 1582

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the criminal penalty for capturing, transporting, or transplanting white-tailed or mule deer without a permit.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.062, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.062. PENALTIES [~~PENALTY~~]. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a [A] person who violates any provision of this subchapter or the terms of a permit issued under this subchapter commits an offense that is a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor.

(b) A person who violates Section 43.061(a) by intentionally capturing, transporting, or transplanting a white-tailed or mule deer without obtaining the required permit or by intentionally violating one or more terms of the permit commits an offense that is a Parks and Wildlife Code state jail felony.

SECTION 2. The changes in the law made by this Act apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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