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S.B. No. 2043

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the closure of certain man-made passes between the Gulf
3 of Mexico and inland bays by the commissioner of the General Land
4 Office.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 33, Natural Resources
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 33.613 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 33.613. CLOSURE OF CERTAIN MAN-MADE PASSES.

9 Notwithstanding Sections 66.204 and 81.103, Parks and Wildlife
10 Code, the commissioner may close a man-made pass between the Gulf of
11 Mexico and an inland bay if:

12 (1) the commissioner determines that the pass causes
13 or contributes to significant erosion of the shoreline of the
14 adjacent beach; and

15 (2) the land office receives legislative
16 appropriations or other funding for that purpose.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.