

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, there are still references to a "game management officer" in the Parks and Wildlife Code. This portion no longer exists in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This bill replaces "game management officer" with "game ward" to provide consistency throughout the code.

H.B. 1346 amends current law relating to the consistent use of the term "game warden" throughout the Parks and Wildlife Code.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 43.406, Parks and Wildlife Code, to provide that a person fishing in saltwater for sporting purposes who refuses on demand of any game warden, rather than game management officer, or peace officer to show a saltwater sportfishing stamp is presumed to be in violation of Section 43.402, rather than in violation of Section 43.402 of this code.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 43.525(a) and (b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to make conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 43.807, Parks and Wildlife Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 76.005(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to make a conforming and nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 76.117, Parks and Wildlife Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 202.031(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 7. Amends Section 283.022(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 8. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.