

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 387
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain federal regulations relating to the interstate transport and sale of oysters can affect the sale and consumption in Texas of raw oysters harvested from local waters. S.B. 387 seeks to address this issue by exempting oysters harvested in Texas for sale and consumption in Texas from certain federal regulations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 387 amends the Parks and Wildlife Code to exempt oysters harvested from Texas waters and sold and consumed in Texas from any federal regulations that prohibit the interstate transport and sale of oysters that have not been postharvest treated.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.