

By: Dutton

H.B. No. 550

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 550:

By: Kuempel

C.S.H.B. No. 550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exemption to the requirement for a fishing license  
3 for residents of a certain age.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 46.002(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A license issued under this chapter is not required of a  
8 person:

9 (1) who is a resident and whose birth date is before  
10 January 1, 1931 [~~September 1, 1930~~];

11 (2) who is a nonresident, if the person's birth date is  
12 before September 1, 1930, and the person's state of residence  
13 grants a similar age exemption to Texas residents;

14 (3) who is mentally disabled and who is engaging in  
15 recreational fishing as part of medically approved therapy, and who  
16 is fishing under the immediate supervision of personnel approved or  
17 employed by a hospital, residence, or school for mentally disabled  
18 persons;

19 (4) who is mentally retarded and is engaged in  
20 recreational fishing under the immediate supervision of a person  
21 who:

22 (A) holds a license issued under this chapter;

23 and

24 (B) has the permission of the mentally retarded

1 person's family head or legal guardian to take the mentally  
2 retarded person fishing if the person is not a member of the family  
3 of the mentally retarded person; or

4           (5) who is participating in an event that is sponsored  
5 or co-sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with the  
6 approval of the Executive Director.

7           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.