

AN ACT

relating to the taking of certain feral hogs and coyotes using a helicopter.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.1075 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.1075. USING HELICOPTERS TO TAKE CERTAIN ANIMALS. A qualified landowner or landowner's agent, as determined by commission rule, may contract to participate as a hunter or observer in using a helicopter to take depredating feral hogs or coyotes under the authority of a permit issued under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Section 43.1075, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 716 was passed by the House on April 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 716 on May 17, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 716 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 11, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor