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H.B. No. 1161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to
commissioned law enforcement officers of the United States Fish and
Wildlife Service.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2.122, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) A commissioned law enforcement officer of the United
States Fish and Wildlife Service is not a peace officer under the
laws of this state, except that the officer has the powers of
arrest, search, and seizure as to any offense under the laws of this
state committed within the boundaries of the National Wildlife
Refuge System. In this subsection, "National Wildlife Refuge
System" has the meaning assigned by 16 U.S.C. Section 668dd.

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