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H.B. No. 2138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the search for and rescue of victims of water-oriented
3 accidents.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.121, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection
7 (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Game warden" means a person who is commissioned
10 as a game warden by the commission.

11 (2) "State military forces" has the meaning assigned
12 by Section 431.001, Government Code.

13 (a-1) All peace officers of this state and game wardens
14 [~~commissioned by the commission~~] must be certified as marine safety
15 enforcement officers by the department to enforce the provisions of
16 this chapter by arresting and taking into custody any person who
17 commits any act or offense prohibited by this chapter or who
18 violates any provision of this chapter.

19 (e) State military forces may assist game [~~Game~~] wardens
20 [~~may assist~~] in the search for and rescue of victims of
21 water-oriented accidents.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.