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H.B. No. 3808

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fishing with certain archery equipment in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 284.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

(1) "Archery equipment" means a longbow, recurved bow, compound bow, or crossbow.

(2) "Firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section 62.014.

(3) [~~(2)~~] "Navigable river or stream" has the meaning assigned by Section 90.001.

(d) This section does not apply to:

(1) an individual acting in the scope of the individual's duties as a peace officer or department employee; ~~[or]~~

(2) the discharge of a shotgun loaded with ammunition that releases only shot when discharged; or

(3) an individual engaging in fishing using archery equipment, if the individual is in compliance with Subsection (f).

(f) An individual engaging in fishing using archery equipment may not possess while fishing:

(1) an arrow equipped with fletching of any kind;

1 (2) an unbarbed arrow; or

2 (3) a bow that is not equipped with a reel and line.

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