

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.

H.B. No. 3808

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3808 was passed by the House on May 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3808 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor