

By: King of Zavala

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. Sections 284.001(a) and (d), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

(1) "Bowfishing" means fishing by discharging a barbed fishing arrow from a bow equipped with a reel.

(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 bowfishing, if the individual has acquired a fishing license and freshwater fishing stamp as required by this code.

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

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.