

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**February 28, 2011**

**TO:** Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

**FROM:** John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB555** by Howard, Donna (Relating to reportable boating accidents and the penalties for certain boating accidents.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to mandate that operators of a vessel involved in a collision resulting in death, injury, or property damage notify the Parks and Wildlife Department rather than file a report. The bill would increase the dollar threshold for property damage from \$500 to \$2000. The bill would require a marine safety enforcement officer to file a report to the department any incident the officer investigates that involves a collision resulting in death, injury, or property damage (\$2000 and over) no later than the 15th day after the officer initially becomes aware of the incident. The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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