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H.B. No. 1179

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payment of restitution for the taking of wildlife resources without the property owner's consent.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.022, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) A court shall order a defendant convicted of an offense under this section to make restitution to the owner of the land, submerged land, or water. Restitution under this section may not include a payment for the value of wildlife or wildlife remains.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3. 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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.