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H.B. No. 1241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the adoption of rules by the Parks and Wildlife  
3 Commission to protect the public water of this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 66, Parks and Wildlife  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 66.0073 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 66.0073. RULES REQUIRING WATER TO BE DRAINED. (a) In  
8 this section:

9 (1) "Public water" has the meaning assigned by Section  
10 66.015.

11 (2) "Vessel" has the meaning assigned by Section  
12 31.003.

13 (b) The commission may adopt rules requiring a person  
14 leaving public water to drain from a vessel or portable container on  
15 board the vessel any water that has been collected from or has come  
16 in contact with public water.

17 (c) If the commission adopts rules described by Subsection  
18 (b), an authorized employee of the department may inspect a vessel  
19 leaving or approaching public water, including any portable  
20 containers on board the vessel, for the presence of water. This  
21 subsection does not apply to a vessel that is on public water.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 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, 2013.