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H.B. No. 2649

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the punishment for violating certain rules or permit
3 terms under a permit to trap, transport, and transplant certain
4 animals.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 43.062, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 43.062. PENALTY. (a) Except as provided by Subsection
9 (b), a [A] person who violates any provision of this subchapter or
10 the terms of a permit issued under this subchapter commits an
11 offense that is a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor.

12 (b) A person commits an offense that is a Class C Parks and
13 Wildlife Code misdemeanor if the person violates:

14 (1) a rule relating to a reporting requirement for a
15 permit issued under this subchapter; or

16 (2) a term of a permit issued under this subchapter
17 that relates to a reporting requirement.

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

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.