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H.B. No. 3037

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restricting the sale of state-owned longhorn cattle in state natural areas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 13.0062 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.0062. RESTRICTION ON SELLING LONGHORN CATTLE IN NATURAL AREAS. (a) The department may not reduce the size of a herd of longhorn cattle by selling longhorn cattle owned by the state and located in a state natural area unless the cattle remain in the state natural area after the sale.

(b) This section does not prohibit:

(1) the sale of longhorn calves and heifers if the number of breeding stock is not reduced; or

(2) the sale of cattle to replace breeding stock as necessary to maintain the size of the herd or to prevent inbreeding.

(c) "Natural area" has the meaning assigned by Section 24.001.

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