

By: White of Tyler

H.B. No. 4064

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions applicable to young hunters of white-tailed deer during a special open season.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 62, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0165 to read as follows:

Sec. 62.0165. HUNTING OF WHITE-TAILED DEER DURING YOUTH WEEKEND. (a) If the commission provides a special two-day weekend open season under Section 61.058(a), the commission shall for that weekend only:

(1) suspend for white-tailed deer hunting any county or regional special antler restrictions regarding an inside spread measurement between the main beams of 13 inches or more; and

(2) establish a bag limit of one white-tailed deer per hunter.

(b) To the extent of any conflict with Subsection (a), a hunting restriction imposed by a landowner who allows hunting on the landowner's private property prevails.

SECTION 2. The Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt or amend rules applicable to youth hunting of white-tailed deer to comply with Section 62.0165, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, as soon as possible, with the goal of having the new rules in place for the youth hunting weekend that is traditionally held before the start of the regular open season for white-tailed deer.

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, 2015.