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S.B. No. 1181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an interim study concerning this state's noncommercial  
3 hunting and fishing license systems.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Parks and Wildlife Department shall  
6 conduct a study of ways to simplify and consolidate the  
7 department's noncommercial hunting and fishing license systems  
8 into a single master license. The study must evaluate:

9 (1) consolidating all noncommercial hunting and  
10 fishing licenses, tags, and stamps into a master license while  
11 maintaining license exemptions in existence as of the effective  
12 date of this Act;

13 (2) how to maintain wildlife management standards  
14 under a master license system;

15 (3) the elimination of the hunter education course as  
16 a separate requirement for hunting with a license or how to maintain  
17 the hunter education program under a master license system without  
18 unduly affecting persons who would need the license only for  
19 fishing; and

20 (4) ways to increase ease of purchase and use for  
21 individuals applying for a hunting or fishing license in this  
22 state.

23 (b) Not later than November 12, 2017, the Parks and Wildlife  
24 Department shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,

1 the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chair of each  
2 committee of the legislature that has primary jurisdiction over the  
3 department a written report that summarizes the findings of the  
4 study conducted under Subsection (a) of this section.

5 SECTION 2. This Act expires December 31, 2017.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.