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S.B. No. 1183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to enter into certain contracts with private vendors.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 11, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 11.157 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.157. CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE VENDORS. (a) The department may contract with private vendors for the construction, maintenance, or operation of facilities such as lodges or recreation centers.

(b) A contract entered into by the department with a private vendor under this section:

(1) must comply with any law generally applicable to a contract for services entered into by the department; and

(2) must require the private vendor to render at least quarterly to the department periodic accounts that accurately detail all material transactions, including information reasonably required by the department to support fees that are collected by the vendor, and to regularly remit all money payable to the department under the contract.

(c) A contract entered into with a private vendor under this section may provide for the private vendor to recover all costs incurred by the vendor under the contract. After the vendor has recovered all of its costs incurred under the contract, the vendor

1 and the department shall share in the revenue produced by the
2 contract in proportions to be prescribed by the contract.

3 (d) An indebtedness, liability, or obligation of a private
4 vendor incurred in the execution of a contract under this section
5 does not create a debt or other liability of the department.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.