

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 11, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1979** by Phelan (Relating to a bag limit exemption for certain participants in certain fishing tournaments in Chambers, Jefferson, Galveston, Hardin, Newton, and Orange Counties.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to bag limits in fishing tournaments held on the southern stretches of the Sabine or Neches River, in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, or in the Gulf of Mexico. The bill would allow a tournament participant in certain counties that is a member of a team affiliated with a high school or college to count a largemouth bass that is smaller than the legal limit by two inches or less towards the daily bag limit. The bill would require such a fish to be released after weighing.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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