

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 550
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;
 1-3 May 17, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2017, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0, 1 present not
 1-6 voting; May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to sound-producing devices on vessels.
 1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-20 SECTION 1. Section 31.065, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:
 1-22 Sec. 31.065. SOUND-PRODUCING DEVICES. A vessel ~~[motorboat]~~
 1-23 must have an efficient whistle or other sound-producing device if
 1-24 one is required by the commandant of the Coast Guard.
 1-25 SECTION 2. Section 31.073(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-26 amended to read as follows:
 1-27 (a) All canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats, sailboats, rubber
 1-28 rafts, and other paddle craft when paddled, poled, oared, or
 1-29 windblown are exempt from all safety equipment requirements except
 1-30 each vessel must have the following:
 1-31 (1) one Coast Guard approved wearable personal
 1-32 flotation device for each person aboard; ~~and~~
 1-33 (2) the lights prescribed by the commandant of the
 1-34 Coast Guard for vessels and required under Section 31.064; and
 1-35 (3) the sound-producing device prescribed by the
 1-36 commandant of the Coast Guard for vessels and required under
 1-37 Section 31.065.
 1-38 SECTION 3. Section 31.127(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-39 amended to read as follows:
 1-40 (a) A person who violates or fails to comply with any
 1-41 provision of this chapter other than Section 31.073(a)(3), or who
 1-42 violates or fails to comply with a proclamation of the commission
 1-43 entered under this chapter or a city ordinance or order of a
 1-44 commissioners court or a political subdivision of the state made or
 1-45 entered under this chapter, commits an offense that is a Class C
 1-46 Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor.
 1-47 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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