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H.B. No. 1891

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a documented member of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas hunting certain deer.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.001(1), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Resident" means:

(A) an individual who has resided continuously in this state for more than six months immediately before applying for a hunting license;

(B) a member of the United States armed forces on active duty;

(C) a dependent of a member of the United States armed forces on active duty;

(D) if approved by the director, a terminally ill individual who is participating in an event sponsored by a charitable nonprofit organization; ~~or~~

(E) a member of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas who possesses documentation of membership sanctioned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; or

(F) a member of any other category of individuals that the commission by regulation designates as residents.

SECTION 2. Section 61.021, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 Sec. 61.021. TAKING WILDLIFE RESOURCES PROHIBITED. (a)

2 Except as provided by Subsection (b) or permitted under a
3 proclamation issued by the commission under this chapter, no person
4 may hunt, catch, or possess a game bird or game animal, fish, marine
5 animal, or other aquatic life at any time or in any place covered by
6 this chapter.

7 (b) A documented member of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of
8 Texas who holds a license under Section 42.002 may hunt antlerless
9 white-tailed deer for religious ceremonial purposes on any day of
10 the year between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour
11 after sunset. A documented member of the Kickapoo Traditional
12 Tribe of Texas hunting antlerless white-tailed deer under this
13 subsection shall:

14 (1) comply with all other provisions of this code and
15 proclamations adopted under this code; and

16 (2) notify a local game warden, deputy game warden, or
17 special game warden at least 24 hours before hunting antlerless
18 white-tailed deer at a time of the year when a person who holds a
19 license under Section 42.002 but who is not a documented member of
20 the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas may not hunt antlerless
21 white-tailed deer.

22 SECTION 3. Section 61.057(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a) Except as provided by Section 61.021 and ~~[in]~~ Subsection
25 (c) ~~[of this section]~~, no person may hunt an antlerless deer or
26 antelope in this state without first having acquired an antlerless
27 deer or antelope permit issued by the department on a form provided

1 by the department.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.