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H.B. No. 1891

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

7 (1) "Resident" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. Section 61.021, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
24 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.