

AN ACT

relating to the taking of certain feral hogs and coyotes using a hot air balloon.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.1076 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.1076. USING HOT AIR BALLOONS TO TAKE CERTAIN ANIMALS. A qualified landowner or landowner's agent, as determined by commission rule, may contract to participate as a hunter or observer in using a hot air balloon to take depredating feral hogs or coyotes under the authority of a permit issued under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Section 43.1076, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3535 was passed by the House on May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3535 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor