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S.B. No. 573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disposition of proceeds from the sale of freshwater fishing stamps issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.805(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The net receipts from freshwater fishing stamp and collectable freshwater fishing stamp sales may be spent only for the:

(1) ~~the~~ repair, maintenance, renovation, or construction [replacement] of:

(A) freshwater fish hatcheries in this state;
and

(B) facilities supporting the management of and research related to freshwater fisheries; [or]

(2) ~~the~~ purchase of game fish that are stocked into the public water of this state;

(3) restoration, enhancement, or management of freshwater fish habitats;

(4) development of shoreline-based projects allowing freshwater angler access; and

(5) administration and operation of freshwater fish hatcheries in an amount not to exceed 20 percent of the average annual net receipts in a state fiscal biennium.

1 SECTION 2. Section [43.805\(c\)](#), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
2 repealed.

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