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S.B. No. 1956

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the expiration date of hunting and fishing licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.0175(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A license issued under this chapter, other than a lifetime resident hunting license or a nonresident five-day special hunting license, is valid for one year from the last day of the month in which the license is issued ~~[only during the yearly period for which the license is issued without regard to the date on which a license is acquired. Each yearly period begins on September 1 or on another date set by the commission and extends through August 31 of the next year or another date set by the commission. A license issued under this chapter other than a nonresident five-day special hunting license that is issued before September 1 or another date set by the commission and does not expire until August 31 of the next year or another date set by the commission is valid from the date of issuance through August 31 of the following year or another date set by the commission. The commission by rule may set the amount of a license fee for a license issued during a transition period at an amount lower than prescribed in this chapter and provide for a license term for a transition period that is shorter or longer than a year].~~

SECTION 2. Sections 42.022(a) and (d), Parks and Wildlife

Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) No person may acquire or possess more than one hunting license during a license period [year]. ~~[For purposes of this section, a violation does not occur unless a person acquires or possesses more than one license having the same expiration date.]~~

(d) For purposes of this section, a license period [year] begins on the date the license is issued ~~[September 1 or another date set by the commission and extends through August 31 of the next year or another date set by the commission].~~

SECTION 3. Sections 46.007(a) and (b), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (b), (c), ~~[(d)],~~ (e), and (f) of this section, a license required or authorized by this subchapter is valid for one year from the last day of the month in which the license is issued ~~[only during the yearly period for which it is issued without regard to the date on which the license is acquired. Each yearly period begins on September 1 or another date set by the commission and extends through August 31 of the next year or another date set by the commission. The commission by rule may set the amount of a license fee for a license issued during a transition period at an amount lower than prescribed in this section and provide for a license term for a transition period that is shorter or longer than a year].~~

(b) A license issued under Section 46.005 or 46.0051 ~~[of this code]~~ is valid for the number of consecutive days authorized on the license ~~[and does not necessarily expire on August 31 or another date set by the commission].~~

SECTION 4. Section 50.0021(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection ~~[Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a license required or authorized by this chapter is valid for one year from the last day of the month in which the license is issued ~~[only during the yearly period for which the license is issued without regard to the date on which the license is acquired. Each yearly period begins on September 1 or another date set by the commission and extends through August 31 of the next year or another date set by the commission. The commission by rule may set the amount of a license fee for a license issued during a transition period at an amount lower than prescribed in this chapter and provide for a license term for a transition period that is shorter or longer than a year]~~~~.

SECTION 5. The following provisions of the Parks and Wildlife Code are repealed:

(1) Section 46.007(d); and

(2) Section 50.0021(b).

SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a license issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department on or after the effective date of this Act. A license issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the license was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.