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S.B. No. 1957

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a pilot program to reduce the cost of hunting and  
3 fishing licenses for nonresidents.

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

5 SECTION 1. PILOT PROGRAM. The Parks and Wildlife  
6 Department shall establish a pilot program in which the department  
7 charges a nonresident the same fee as a resident of this state for a  
8 hunting or fishing license issued under Chapter 42 or 46, Parks and  
9 Wildlife Code. The department shall evaluate the effects of the  
10 pilot program on out-of-state tourism related to hunting and  
11 fishing.

12 SECTION 2. REPORT. The Parks and Wildlife Department shall  
13 prepare a report describing the results of the pilot program. The  
14 department shall submit the report to the legislature not later  
15 than January 1, 2019.

16 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires June 1, 2019.

17 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
18 1, 2017.