

AN ACT

relating to authorizing a waiver of certain state park fees for certain children and the use of general revenue appropriations for the artificial reef program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.015(a-1), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) The commission may waive the park entrance fee for a person who is at least 70 years of age, a student enrolled in the fifth grade, or a child who is 11 years of age. The commission may not waive the fee for use of a park facility, including a hook-up fee for electricity or water.

SECTION 2. Section 89.041(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Section 89.042(b), ~~[No state]~~ general revenue funds may not ~~[shall]~~ be expended in the development or implementation of this plan.

SECTION 3. Section 89.042, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 89.042. DEDICATION; APPROPRIATIONS. (a) The funds received under Section 89.043 of this code are dedicated to the department for the purpose of carrying out this chapter, including siting, designing, constructing, monitoring, and otherwise managing an artificial reef or artificial reef system.

1 (b) The legislature may appropriate money from the general
2 revenue fund to the department for:

3 (1) salaries of department employees implementing
4 this chapter; and

5 (2) costs associated with those employees, including
6 the cost of employee benefits.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2065 was passed by the House on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 124, Nays 16, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2065 on May 23, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 17, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2065 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor