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S.B. No. 1511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of the Battleship "Texas."

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to ensure that the Battleship "Texas," a national historic landmark whose engines are national mechanical engineering landmarks and that is the only remaining battleship to have fought in World War I and World War II, is maintained and preserved in satisfactory condition for the benefit of the citizens of this state.

SECTION 2. Section 22.261, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22.261. JURISDICTION. The Battleship "Texas" is under the jurisdiction of the department. The department shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with an appropriate nonprofit foundation for the operation and maintenance of the Battleship "Texas."

SECTION 3. Subchapter T, Chapter 22, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 22.262 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.262. PRESERVATION STANDARDS. The memorandum of understanding required by Section 22.261 must include provisions:

(1) governing the preservation, management, and operation of the Battleship "Texas" consistent with the Standards for Historic Vessel Preservation Projects with Guidelines for Applying the Standards published by the Secretary of the United



1 States Department of the Interior as those standards existed on  
2 January 1, 2019; and

3 (2) requiring the nonprofit foundation described by  
4 Section 22.261 to consult with the state historic preservation  
5 officer on matters related to the preservation or repair of the  
6 battleship.

7 SECTION 4. The Parks and Wildlife Department shall enter  
8 into the memorandum of understanding required by Section 22.261,  
9 Parks and Wildlife Code, as amended by this Act, not later than the  
10 later of:

11 (1) September 1, 2019; or

12 (2) the 90th day after the effective date of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.