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H.B. No. 1631

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for an application for a permit to manage wildlife and exotic animals from aircraft; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.1055 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.1055. MAP SUBMITTED WITH PERMIT APPLICATION. (a)

In this section, "georeferenced map" means a map image incorporating a system of geographic ground coordinates, including latitude and longitude and Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates.

(b) Except as described by Subsection (d), an applicant for a permit under this subchapter shall submit with the application:

(1) either:

(A) a georeferenced map in a format prescribed by the department showing the exact boundaries of the property where the management of wildlife or exotic animals is to be performed; or

(B) a map in a format prescribed by the department clearly indicating the location and boundaries of the property where the management of wildlife or exotic animals is to be performed and the fee established by the commission under Subsection (c); and

(2) a signed, written statement stating that the map

1 or georeferenced map provided under Subdivision (1) is true and
2 correct.

3 (c) The commission by rule shall establish a fee in an
4 amount reasonably necessary to cover the cost of converting a map
5 described by Subsection (b)(1)(B) to a georeferenced map.

6 (d) The department shall maintain a record of all maps
7 submitted under this section. The department may not require an
8 applicant to submit a map of a property for which a map has
9 previously been submitted under this section.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.