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S.B. No. 1239

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the taking of wildlife by a person on the person's property for purposes of disease diagnosis, management, or prevention.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.013, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) A person who is not a department employee, or the person's agent who is not a department employee, may take wildlife on the person's property if the person:

(1) has written authorization from the department; and

(2) is participating:

(A) under the supervision of a department employee; and

(B) in a program or event conducted for the diagnosis, management, or prevention of a disease in wildlife, as designated by the director.

(d) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.