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H.B. No. 2618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the noncommercial taking of shrimp using mechanical means by a person with a disability.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 66, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 66.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 66.0045. NONCOMMERCIAL TAKING OF SHRIMP USING MECHANICAL MEANS BY PERSON WITH DISABILITY. (a) A rule or proclamation of the commission that prohibits the noncommercial taking of shrimp using mechanical means must provide an exemption from the prohibition for a person who has a documented disability that prevents the person from taking shrimp, or substantially impairs the person's ability to take shrimp, without using mechanical means.

(b) The rule or proclamation described by Subsection (a) must:

(1) establish eligibility criteria and procedures for the exemption; and

(2) specify the mechanical means by which shrimp may be taken under the exemption.

(c) For purposes of this section, the taking of shrimp by mechanical means includes the taking of shrimp using electronic, hydraulic, or motorized means.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.