By:  Blanco S.B. No. 1245

(In the Senate - Filed February 12, 2025; February 28, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs; April 1, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 1, 2025, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                     Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry                 X

Hancock               X

Birdwell              X

Blanco                X

Gutierrez             X

Hinojosa of Nueces    X

Johnson               X

Kolkhorst             X

Sparks                X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1245 By:  Hancock

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the taking of certain aoudad sheep by using a helicopter.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 43.1075, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.1075.  USING HELICOPTERS TO TAKE CERTAIN ANIMALS. Under the authority of a permit issued under this subchapter, a [~~A~~] qualified landowner or landowner's agent, as determined by commission rule, may contract to participate as a hunter or observer in using a helicopter to take depredating:

(1)  feral hogs;

(2)  [~~or~~] coyotes; or

(3)  aoudad sheep west of the Pecos River [~~under the authority of a permit issued under this subchapter~~].

SECTION 2.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt or amend rules as necessary to implement the change in law made by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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