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S.B. No. 1247

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to consolidating certain nonresident hunting licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.003(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An agreement must provide that a resident of the border state who has a sport fishing license or a hunting license issued by the border state may fish or hunt migratory waterfowl on rivers and lakes of the common border, and a Texas resident holding a Texas license is extended equal privileges. A person who holds a nonresident sport fishing license or a nonresident general hunting license issued by this state or a border state may be extended the same privileges as those extended a resident license holder under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Sections 42.005(a), (b), and (e), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) No nonresident in this state may hunt a mule deer, white-tailed deer, turkey, pronghorn antelope, ~~or~~ desert bighorn sheep, or alligator in this state without first having acquired a nonresident general ~~[nonresident]~~ hunting license.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (f), no nonresident may hunt any bird or animal in this state without first having acquired a nonresident general ~~[nonresident]~~ hunting license ~~[, a nonresident special hunting license,~~] or a nonresident five-day

1 ~~[special]~~ hunting license.

2 (e) A nonresident may not acquire or possess during a
3 license year~~+~~

4 ~~[(1)]~~ more than one nonresident general ~~[spring~~
5 ~~turkey]~~ hunting license~~[, or~~

6 ~~[(2) a general nonresident hunting license and a~~
7 ~~nonresident spring turkey hunting license].~~

8 SECTION 3. Section 42.0141, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 42.0141. NONRESIDENT GENERAL ~~[NONRESIDENT]~~ HUNTING
11 LICENSE FEE. The fee for a nonresident general ~~[nonresident]~~
12 hunting license is \$100.75 or an amount set by the commission,
13 whichever amount is more.

14 SECTION 4. Section 42.0143, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 42.0143. NONRESIDENT FIVE-DAY ~~[SPECIAL]~~ HUNTING
17 LICENSE. (a) A nonresident five-day hunting license is not valid
18 for a mule deer, white-tailed deer, turkey, pronghorn antelope,
19 desert bighorn sheep, or alligator.

20 (b) A nonresident five-day ~~[special]~~ hunting license is
21 valid for five consecutive days.

22 (c) A nonresident may acquire multiple nonresident five-day
23 hunting licenses during a license year.

24 (d) The fee for a nonresident five-day hunting ~~[the]~~ license
25 is set by the commission in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the
26 amount of the fee set for a nonresident general ~~[special]~~ hunting
27 license.

1 SECTION 5. Section 42.0175(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (a) A license issued under this chapter, other than a
4 lifetime resident hunting license or a nonresident five-day
5 ~~[special]~~ hunting license, is valid only during the yearly period
6 for which the license is issued without regard to the date on which
7 a license is acquired. Each yearly period begins on September 1 or
8 on another date set by the commission and extends through August 31
9 of the next year or another date set by the commission. A license
10 issued under this chapter other than a nonresident five-day
11 ~~[special]~~ hunting license that is issued before September 1 or
12 another date set by the commission and does not expire until August
13 31 of the next year or another date set by the commission is valid
14 from the date of issuance through August 31 of the following year or
15 another date set by the commission. The commission by rule may set
16 the amount of a license fee for a license issued during a transition
17 period at an amount lower than prescribed in this chapter and
18 provide for a license term for a transition period that is shorter
19 or longer than a year.

20 SECTION 6. Section 42.022(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (c) This section does not apply to the acquisition and
23 possession by a nonresident of more than one nonresident hunting
24 license if the nonresident does not acquire or possess during a
25 license year[+]

26 [~~(1)~~] more than one nonresident[+]

27 [~~(A)~~] general hunting license[~~+~~ or

1 [~~(B) spring turkey hunting license, or~~
2 [~~(2) both a nonresident general hunting license and a~~
3 ~~nonresident spring turkey hunting license~~].

4 SECTION 7. Section 49.010(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (b) A nonresident may hunt by means of falconry if the
7 nonresident possesses on the nonresident's person:

- 8 (1) a federal falconry permit;
9 (2) a falconry permit issued in the person's state of
10 residence; and
11 (3) a nonresident general hunting license and any
12 applicable stamps.

13 SECTION 8. The following provisions of the Parks and
14 Wildlife Code are repealed:

- 15 (1) Section 42.005(d);
16 (2) Section 42.014;
17 (3) Section 42.0142; and
18 (4) Section 42.0144.

19 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.