

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 1248
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 12, 2025;
1-3 February 28, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs; March 10, 2025, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 10, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| 1-8 | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-9 | Perry | X | | |
| 1-10 | Hancock | X | | |
| 1-11 | Birdwell | X | | |
| 1-12 | Blanco | X | | |
| 1-13 | Gutierrez | X | | |
| 1-14 | Hinojosa of Nueces | X | | |
| 1-15 | Johnson | X | | |
| 1-16 | Kolkhorst | X | | |
| 1-17 | Sparks | X | | |

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the disclosure of certain harvest report information
1-21 submitted to the Parks and Wildlife Department.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Parks and Wildlife
1-24 Code, is amended by adding Section 11.0305 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 11.0305. DISCLOSURE OF HARVEST REPORT INFORMATION.

1-26 (a) Information from a report submitted to the department relating
1-27 to the recreational harvest authorized by Chapter 42, 46, 50, or 71
1-28 of game animals, game birds, fur-bearing animals, nongame animals,
1-29 alligators, or fish or other aquatic life, including the specific
1-30 location of harvested wildlife, may not be disclosed except as
1-31 authorized by this section or Section 12.014.

1-32 (b) Chapter 552, Government Code, does not apply to
1-33 information from a report described by Subsection (a).

1-34 (c) The commission or the department may disclose
1-35 information from a report described by Subsection (a) to a federal
1-36 or state law enforcement agency if the agency provides a lawfully
1-37 issued subpoena.

1-38 (d) The department may disclose statistical data and
1-39 compilations of information from a report described by Subsection
1-40 (a) in a manner that does not identify:

1-41 (1) any person who:

1-42 (A) submitted the report; or

1-43 (B) harvested wildlife as described in the
1-44 report; or

1-45 (2) any specific location information, including a
1-46 photograph, that could be used to identify the location where the
1-47 harvest of wildlife described in the report occurred.

1-48 (e) The department may disclose information from a report
1-49 described by Subsection (a) only to:

1-50 (1) an individual identified in the report or that
1-51 individual's representative;

1-52 (2) another governmental body, including a law
1-53 enforcement entity, as needed to carry out a governmental purpose;
1-54 or

1-55 (3) an entity contracted with the department that has
1-56 signed a nondisclosure agreement prohibiting the entity from
1-57 disclosing information from the report, if necessary for research,
1-58 analysis, or another activity the department determines to be
1-59 appropriate.

1-60 (f) This section does not authorize the department to
1-61 disclose information the department is prohibited from disclosing

2-1 by other law.
2-2 (g) The department and its officers and employees are immune
2-3 from civil liability for an unintentional violation of this
2-4 section.
2-5 (h) In this section, a reference to the department includes
2-6 a reference to an agent of the department.
2-7 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
2-8 disclosure by the Parks and Wildlife Department of information in a
2-9 report described by Section 11.0305(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, as
2-10 added by this Act, that is made on or after the effective date of
2-11 this Act, regardless of when the report containing the information
2-12 was submitted to the department.
2-13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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