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S.B. No. 1285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the protection of bats.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 63.101(a) and (c), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (c), a ~~[no]~~ person may not:

(1) entomb or hunt a live bat; or

(2) sell, offer for sale, purchase, offer to purchase, or possess after purchase a bat or any part of a bat, dead or alive.

(c) This section does not apply to:

(1) an animal control officer, a peace officer, a licensed pest control professional, or a health official who captures a bat that the officer, professional, or official considers injured or diseased; or

(2) a person who transports a bat for the purpose of:

(A) laboratory testing if the bat has exposed or potentially exposed humans or domestic animals to rabies; or

(B) rehabilitation at a permitted rehabilitation facility if the bat has had no known prior exposure with humans

~~[(3) a person who is licensed to provide pest control services]~~.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.