

By: Hinojosa of Nueces

S.B. No. 2230

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the closure of beaches for space flight activities;
creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.132, Natural Resources Code, is
amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (g) to
read as follows:

(c) To protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the
commissioners court by order:

(1) shall compel the evacuation of any unauthorized
person from a hazard area, as calculated by the Federal Aviation
Administration under 14 C.F.R. Section 450.133(c), on a launch
date; and

(2) may temporarily close a beach in reasonable
proximity to the launch site or access points to the beach in the
county on a primary or backup launch date, subject to Subsection
(d).

(g) A person commits an offense if the person violates an
order adopted under Subsection (c)(1). An offense under this
subsection is a Class B misdemeanor, except that the offense is a
Class A misdemeanor if the actor has previously been convicted of an
offense under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.