

1-1 By: Hinojosa of Nueces S.B. No. 2230  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2025; March 13, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;  
1-4 March 31, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; March 31, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11		X		
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15			X	
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2230 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the evacuation of unauthorized persons from a hazard  
1-22 area in connection with space flight activities; creating a  
1-23 criminal offense.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 61.132, Natural Resources Code, is  
1-26 amended by adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

1-27 (c-1) To protect the public health, safety, and welfare:

1-28 (1) the governing body of a municipality to which  
1-29 proposed primary and backup dates for space flight activities are  
1-30 submitted under Subsection (b)(1) by ordinance shall compel the  
1-31 evacuation of any unauthorized person from a hazard area, as  
1-32 calculated by the Federal Aviation Administration under 14 C.F.R.  
1-33 Section 450.133(c), on the date on which space flight activities  
1-34 are conducted; and

1-35 (2) a commissioners court to which proposed primary  
1-36 and backup dates for space flight activities are submitted under  
1-37 Subsection (b)(2) or (b-1) by order may compel the evacuation of any  
1-38 unauthorized person from a hazard area, as calculated by the  
1-39 Federal Aviation Administration under 14 C.F.R. Section  
1-40 450.133(c), on the date on which space flight activities are  
1-41 conducted.

1-42 (c-2) A person commits an offense if the person violates an  
1-43 ordinance or order adopted under Subsection (c-1). An offense  
1-44 under this subsection is a Class B misdemeanor, except that the  
1-45 offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the actor has previously been  
1-46 convicted of an offense under this subsection.

1-47 SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
1-48 section:

1-49 (1) this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a  
1-50 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution; and

1-52 (2) if this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
1-53 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

1-54 (b) This Act takes effect only if S.B. 2188 or similar  
1-55 legislation of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,  
1-56 relating to the closure of beaches for space flight activities is  
1-57 enacted and becomes law. If legislation described by this  
1-58 subsection is not enacted or does not become law, this Act has no  
1-59 effect.

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