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H.B. No. 3649

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a lifetime hunting license for certain nonresidents;
authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.0021, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0021. LIFETIME [~~RESIDENT~~] HUNTING LICENSE. The
department may issue to residents of this state and nonresident
landowners as provided by Section 42.0121 a lifetime [~~resident~~]
hunting license.

SECTION 2. Section 42.0121, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0121. LIFETIME [~~RESIDENT~~] HUNTING LICENSE FEE. (a)
A nonresident landowner may purchase a lifetime hunting license if
the landowner has owned property in this state for at least three
years before the date of the purchase of the license. A license
purchased under this subsection may be revoked in accordance with
commission rule if the landowner ceases to own property in this
state.

(b) The fee for a lifetime [~~resident~~] hunting license is
\$300 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more.

SECTION 3. Section 42.0175(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
amended to read as follows:

(a) A license issued under this chapter, other than a

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

17 SECTION 4. (a) The changes in law made by this Act apply
18 only to a fee charged for a hunting license issued on or after the
19 effective date of this Act.

20 (b) A hunting license issued before the effective date of
21 this Act is covered by the law in effect when the license was
22 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
23 The Parks and Wildlife Department is not required to issue a refund
24 for any license issued before the effective date of this Act.

25 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.