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H.B. No. 965

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the classification of exotic and nongame animals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.103(3), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Exotic animals" includes exotic livestock and exotic fowl as defined by Section 161.001(a), Agriculture Code, wild animals that are nonindigenous to Texas, and aoudad sheep[~~and elk~~].

SECTION 2. Section 62.015(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "exotic animal" means exotic livestock or exotic fowl as defined by Section 161.001(a), Agriculture Code, and aoudad sheep[~~, or elk~~].

SECTION 3. Section 67.0011, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 67.0011. EXEMPTIONS [~~EXEMPTION OF CRAYFISH~~]. This chapter does not apply to:

(1) crayfish, other than in public water; or

(2) elk.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former

1 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
2 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this
3 Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.