

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of laser sighting devices by hunters who are
3 legally blind.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 62.005, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 62.005. HUNTING WITH LIGHT. Except as provided by
8 Section 62.0055, no [No] person may hunt a game animal or bird
9 protected by this code with the aid of an artificial light that
10 casts or reflects a beam of light onto or otherwise illuminates the
11 game animal or bird, including the headlights of a motor vehicle.

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 62, Parks and Wildlife
13 Code, is amended by adding Section 62.0055 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 62.0055. HUNTING WITH LASER SIGHTING DEVICE BY LEGALLY
15 BLIND HUNTER. (a) In this section, "legally blind" has the meaning
16 assigned by Section 62.104, Government Code.

17 (b) A legally blind hunter may use a laser sighting device
18 during regular hunting hours when assisted by a person who:

- 19 (1) is not legally blind;
20 (2) has a hunting license; and
21 (3) is at least 13 years of age.

22 (c) The legally blind hunter must carry proof of being
23 legally blind.

24 (d) Section 62.014 applies to a hunter under this section.

1 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than September 1, 2007, the Parks
2 and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules that prescribe what is
3 acceptable as proof of being legally blind under Section 62.0055,
4 Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act.

5 (b) The Parks and Wildlife Department may not enforce
6 Section 62.0055(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act,
7 until the rules adopted under Subsection (a) of this section take
8 effect.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Caddell

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 308 was passed by the House on April 5, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 308 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Antony Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

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Rick Perry
Governor

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