

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of certain rivers and streams in particular counties; providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Title 7, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Chapter 284 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 284. DIMMIT, EDWARDS, FRIO, KENEDY, LLANO, MAVERICK, REAL, UVALDE, AND ZAVALA COUNTIES

Sec. 284.001. DISCHARGE OF FIREARM PROHIBITED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section 62.014.

(2) "Navigable river or stream" has the meaning assigned by Section 90.001.

(b) This section applies only to a navigable river or stream located wholly or partly in Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kenedy, Llano, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, or Zavala County.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person may not discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from any kind of bow if:

(1) the person is located in or on the bed or bank of a navigable river or stream at the time the firearm is discharged or the arrow is shot from the bow; or

(2) any portion of the ammunition discharged or arrow

1 shot could physically contact the bed or bank of a navigable river  
2 or stream.

3 (d) This section does not apply to:

4 (1) an individual acting in the scope of the  
5 individual's duties as a peace officer or department employee; or

6 (2) the discharge of a shotgun loaded with ammunition  
7 that releases only shot when discharged.

8 (e) This section does not limit the ability of a license  
9 holder to carry a concealed handgun under the authority of  
10 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

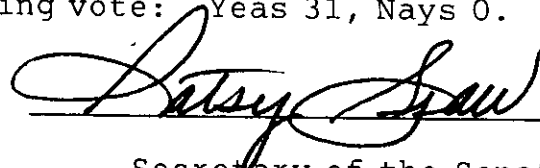
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2027 was passed by the House on April 29, 2005, by a non-record vote; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2027 on May 27, 2005, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2027 on May 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2027 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2027 on May 29, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.



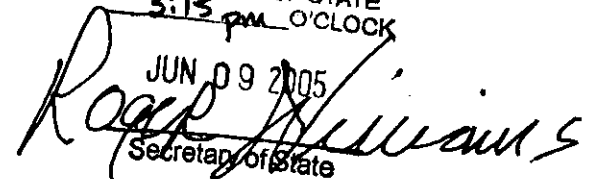
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 9 JUNE '05

Date



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