

CHAPTER 700

H.B. No. 2024

AN ACT

relating to the offense of harassment of hunters, trappers, and fishermen.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 62.0125, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

*(h) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the defendant's conduct is protected by the right to freedom of speech under the constitution of this state or the United States.*

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on September 11, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 4, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 30, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 16, 1993.

Effective Sept. 11, 1993.