

CHAPTER 84

H.B. No. 716

AN ACT

relating to bounties for certain predatory animals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 825.031(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioners court of a county may pay bounties for killing *predatory animals not listed on any state or federal protected species list* [~~cougars, bobcats, jaguars, ocelots, jaguarondis, gray wolves, red wolves, Florida wolves, coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes~~].

SECTION 2. Section 825.031(c), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) *The commissioners court may determine the amount of a [A] bounty to be paid under this section* [~~may not exceed \$5~~] for each animal. *The bounty* [~~and~~] shall be paid from the general fund of the county [~~The bounty shall be paid~~] by a warrant drawn on that fund by the county judge on presentation of proof of destruction required by the commissioners court. A

bounty paid under this section may not exceed \$20 for each animal unless approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 18, 1993, by a non-record vote; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 716 on April 26, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 22, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved May 4, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.