

CHAPTER 334

S.B. No. 269

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a county to regulate the use of certain weapons in the unincorporated area of a county; providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 240, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

*SUBCHAPTER C. REGULATION OF USE OF BOWS AND ARROWS*

*Sec. 240.041. SUBDIVISIONS COVERED BY SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies only to a subdivision all or a part of which is located in the unincorporated area of a county and for which a plat is required to be prepared and filed under Chapter 232.*

*Sec. 240.042. AUTHORITY TO REGULATE. (a) To promote the public safety, the commissioners court of a county by order may prohibit or otherwise regulate hunting with bows and arrows on lots that are 10 acres or smaller and are located in the unincorporated area of the county in a subdivision.*

*(b) In this section, "hunting" means to hunt as defined by Section 1.101, Parks and Wildlife Code.*

*Sec. 240.043. PROHIBITED REGULATIONS. This subchapter does not authorize the commissioners court to regulate the transfer, ownership, possession, or transportation of bows and arrows and does not authorize the court to require the registration of bows and arrows.*

*Sec. 240.044. INJUNCTION. Any person is entitled to appropriate injunctive relief to prevent a violation or threatened violation of a prohibition or other regulation adopted under this subchapter from continuing or occurring.*

*Sec. 240.045. CRIMINAL PENALTY. A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly engages in conduct that is a violation of a regulation adopted under this subchapter by the commissioners court. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has previously been convicted of an offense under this section, the offense is a Class B misdemeanor.*

SECTION 2. 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 the Senate on March 9, 1993: Yeas 24, Nays 6; passed the House on May 18, 1993: Yeas 127, Nays 16, one present not voting.

Approved May 29, 1993.

Effective May 29, 1993.