

## CHAPTER 418

## S.B. No. 971

## AN ACT

relating to the designation of wildlife management areas and to the issuance of wildlife management association area hunting lease licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 43.0432 to read as follows:

*Sec. 43.0432. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AREA HUNTING LEASE LICENSES.* (a) *The owner of a tract of land included in a wildlife management association area under Section 81.301 of this code may apply for a wildlife management association area hunting lease license for that tract of land.*

(b) *A wildlife management association area hunting lease license applies only to the tract of land for which it is issued.*

(c) *Except as inconsistent with this section, this subchapter applies to a wildlife management association area hunting lease license in the same manner that it applies to a hunting lease license.*

SECTION 2. Section 43.044, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) *The fee for a wildlife management association area hunting lease license is:*

(1) *\$30 + \$5 per participating landowner if the area of the wildlife management association is less than 10,000 acres;*

(2) *\$60 + \$5 per participating landowner if the area of the wildlife management association is between 10,000 and 50,000 acres; and*

(3) *\$120 + \$5 per participating landowner if the area of the wildlife management association is over 50,000 acres.*

SECTION 3. Chapter 81, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

#### SUBCHAPTER D. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AREAS

*Sec. 81.301. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AREAS.* (a) *The department may designate two or more contiguous or proximate tracts of land as a wildlife management association area if:*

(1) *each owner of the land applies for the designation;*

(2) *the land is inhabited by wildlife;*

(3) *the department determines that observing wildlife and collecting information on the wildlife will serve the purpose of wildlife management in the state; and*

(4) *the landowners agree to provide the department with information regarding the wildlife under Section 81.302 of this code.*

(b) *The department shall prescribe the form and content of an application under this section.*

*Sec. 81.302. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN; COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.* (a) *Before the department may approve an application for designation of a wildlife management association area under this subchapter, the applicants must prepare a wildlife management plan according to department guidelines for wildlife management plans.*

(b) *The department's guidelines shall require the collection of information on the wildlife that is in a wildlife management association area.*

(c) *Activities prescribed in the wildlife management plan must be conducted annually to maintain the designation of a wildlife management association.*

*Sec. 81.303. RULES. The commission may adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.*

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 5. 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 the Senate on April 30, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 21, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 6, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.