

CHAPTER 771

H.B. No. 1330

AN ACT

relating to the release of turkeys; creating an offense.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 64, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 64.006 to read as follows:

*Sec. 64.006. RELEASE OF TURKEYS. (a) Except as provided by this section, no turkeys may be propagated, purchased, sold, transported, or released for the purpose of establishing a free-ranging wild turkey population.*

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*(b) The department may release turkeys in certain areas of the state for the purpose of maintaining a wild turkey population.*

*(c) The department may adopt regulations regulating the release of turkeys by persons other than department employees.*

*(d) This section does not apply to any turkeys maintained for agricultural purposes.*

*(e) The department may contract with private sector sources to release wild turkeys in certain areas of the state for the purpose of maintaining or expanding a wild turkey population.*

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 by the House on April 30, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 20, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 20, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.