

CHAPTER 625

H.B. No. 1865

AN ACT

relating to the offense of failing to keep cash sale tickets or failing to have cash sale tickets available for inspection by employees of the Parks and Wildlife Department; providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66.209, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

(d) *No dealer who purchases, receives, or handles fish, shrimp, or other forms of edible aquatic products, other than oysters, from any person except another dealer may fail to:*

(1) *maintain cash sale tickets in the form required by this section as records of cash sale transactions; or*

(2) *make the cash sale tickets available for examination by authorized employees of the department for statistical purposes or as a part of an ongoing investigation of a criminal violation during reasonable business hours of the dealer.*

(e) *All cash sale tickets must be maintained at the place of business for at least one year from the date of the sale.*

(f) *A cash sale ticket must include:*

(1) *the name of the seller;*

(2) *the commercial fishing license number of the seller;*

(3) *the finfish license number of the seller, if one is required;*

(4) *the number of pounds sold by species;*

(5) *the date of sale;*

(6) *the water body or bay system from which the aquatic products were taken; and*

(7) *price paid per pound per species.*

(g) *Any person [dealer] who violates Subsection (c) or (d) of this section is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 8, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1865 on May 27, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.