

CHAPTER 692

S.B. No. 1309

AN ACT

relating to the employment of off-duty peace officers to monitor the taking of shellfish from polluted areas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 76, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 76.2131 to read as follows:

*Sec. 76.2131. EMPLOYING OFF-DUTY PEACE OFFICERS. A shellfish plant operator may employ off-duty peace officers to monitor the taking of shellfish from polluted areas as provided by rules and regulations adopted to implement Section 76.207 of this code. For the purpose of this section "peace officer" includes those persons listed in Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.*

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 May 14, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective June 19, 1987.