

CHAPTER 276

S.B. No. 504

AN ACT

relating to a hunter education program; providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 62, Parks and Wildlife Code, as amended, is amended by adding Section 62.014 to read as follows:

*Sec. 62.014. HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM. (a) In this section:*

*(1) "Firearm" means any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use.*

*(2) "Archery equipment" means a long bow that is capable of shooting a hunting arrow equipped with a broadhead hunting point for a distance of 130 yards.*

*(b) The department may establish and administer a statewide hunter education program. The program must include but is not limited to instruction concerning:*

- (1) the safe handling and use of firearms and archery equipment;*
- (2) wildlife conservation and management;*
- (3) hunting laws and applicable rules and regulations; and*
- (4) hunting safety and ethics, including landowners' rights.*

*(c) The department shall issue a certificate to a person who has successfully completed a hunter education course. The department shall prescribe the form of the certificate.*

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 6, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 7; and that the

Senate concurred in House amendments on May 28, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Passed the House, with amendments, on May 22, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 11, 1987.

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