

CHAPTER 217

S.B. No. 912

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of vessels operating in the exclusive economic zone that land fish, shrimp, crabs, or other aquatic organisms in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 47, Parks and Wildlife Code, as amended, is amended by adding Section 47.019 to read as follows:

*Sec. 47.019. EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE. (a) Any vessel operating in the exclusive economic zone that lands fish, shrimp, crabs, or other aquatic organisms in this state is required to be licensed and registered as provided by Chapters 47 and 77 of this code.*

*(b) The commission may adopt regulations for vessels in the exclusive economic zone that land fish, shrimp, crabs, or other aquatic organisms in this state.*

SECTION 2. Section 77.0621 and Subsection (a), Section 77.071, Parks and Wildlife Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. 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, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 28, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.