

By: King of Zavala

H.B. No. 1500

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain exceptions to the prohibition on hunting from a public road or right-of-way.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 62.0031(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) the trapping of a raptor for educational or sporting purposes as provided by Chapter 49; or

(2) the capture, trapping, or hunting of a reptile, amphibian, or insect.

SECTION 2. Conduct prohibited by Section 62.0031, Parks and Wildlife Code, that involves the capture, trapping, or hunting of a reptile, amphibian, or insect may not be prosecuted after the effective date of this Act. If on the effective date of this Act a criminal action is pending for conduct prohibited by Section 62.0031 and described by this section, the action is dismissed on that date. However, a final conviction for conduct prohibited by Section 62.0031 and described by this section that exists on the effective date of this Act is unaffected by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.