

- SUBJECT:** Fishing license exemption for residents of a certain age
- COMMITTEE:** Culture, Recreation, and Tourism — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 5 ayes — Guillen, Deshotel, Kuempel, Larson, T. Smith
0 nays
4 absent — Elkins, Dukes, T. King, Price
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Carlos Higgins, Texas Silver-Haired Legislature)
Against — None
On — Tom Newton, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- BACKGROUND:** Parks and Wildlife Code, sec. 46.002(a) provides exemptions to the state fishing license requirement for certain classes of persons. A Texas resident born before September 1, 1930, is not required to possess a license to fish in the state's public waters.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 550 would make the exemption to the state fishing license requirement applicable to a resident whose birth date was before January 1, 1931.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2011.
- NOTES:** The original version of the bill would have exempted from the fishing license requirement residents who were age 65 and older.

According to the fiscal note, the revenue loss to the state would be \$16,178 per fiscal year.