BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Parks and Wildlife Code restricts the possession of live game animals, with certain exceptions. A person in possession of a game animal who cannot produce a license or permit authorizing such possession, violates Section 63.002, Parks and Wildlife Code, but no penalty exists for the violation. This bill would establish a penalty for violation of Section 63.002, Parks and Wildlife Code.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2303 defines the penalty for possession of a live game animal.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 63.104, Parks and Wildlife Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c), to provide that a person who violates Section 63.002 of this code commits a Class C offense and a Wildlife Code misdemeanor. Deletes text regarding violation of Section 63.007 of this code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.