

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 687
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DIGEST

Prior to the 74th Legislature, Texas residents over the age of 65 were not required to obtain a resident fishing license to fish in the state. After the passage of H.B. 1785 during the 75th Legislature, this statewide exemption was made available only to those persons born before September 1, 1930. H.B. 687 reinstates the fishing license exemption for residents over the age of 65 fishing in their county of residence or an adjacent county.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 687 provides that a fishing license is not required of certain persons.

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 46.002(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, to provide that a license issued under this chapter is not required of a person who is a resident at least 65 years of age. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Prohibits the Parks and Wildlife Department (department) from implementing the change in law made by this Act to Section 46.002(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, unless the 76th Legislature expressly appropriates to the department an amount sufficient to recover the cost of implementing that change.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.