

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, H.B. 1858 was passed which amended Chapter 47, Texas Agriculture Code, to create the Shrimp Marketing Program. The program, which is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture, was to be funded at a minimum level of \$250,000 per year through transfers made by the Texas Parks Wildlife Department. One of the sources of revenue provided in the bill is a surcharge on certain shrimp related licenses issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The surcharge was limited to an increase of up to 10 percent of the license fees, and that cap expires August 31, 2005.

H.B. 2942 extends the 10 percent cap on the fees until September 1, 2007.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 47.021(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to provide that this section (License Fees) expires September 1, 2007, rather than 2005.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 77.049(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to provide that this section (License Fees) expires September 1, 2007, rather than 2005.

SECTION 3. Effective date: August 29, 2005.