

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

Certain charitable nonprofit organizations grant the final wishes of terminally ill children and adults, and some of those wishes involve coming to Texas to hunt. Often, these organizations must pay a fee to purchase a nonresident hunting license for the hunting trip, as many participants are not residents of Texas.

The fee for a resident hunting license is considerably less than the fee for a nonresident hunting license and reducing the cost of a hunting license for such participants will allow these organizations to help more individuals or allow an extra family member to join in the trip. H.B. 1718 seeks to address this issue by making such participants eligible for a resident hunting license, if approved by the executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

H.B. 1718 amends current law relating to the eligibility of certain terminally ill individuals to purchase a resident hunting license.

### **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 42.001(1), Parks and Wildlife Code, to redefine "resident" to include, if approved by the executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, a terminally ill individual who is participating in an event sponsored by a charitable nonprofit organization, and to make nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.