

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Section 43.505(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, provides that freshwater trout stamp sale net receipts may be spent for any purpose authorized by Section 11.033, Parks and Wildlife Code, relating to use of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account. The trout stamp, along with a license, must be purchased in order to legally fish for trout in Texas. Concerns exist that under the current law, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is using funds from the sale of the trout stamp to subsidize other forms of hunting and fishing in Texas. This bill would provide that such stamp receipts be instead used only for the purchase, rearing, and stocking of freshwater trout in this state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 201 authorizes freshwater trout stamp sale net receipts to be spent only for the purchase, rearing, and stocking of freshwater trout in this state.

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 43.505(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to authorize stamp sale net receipts to be spent only for the purchase, rearing, and stocking of freshwater trout in this state instead of for any purposes authorized by Section 11.033, Parks and Wildlife Code, relating to use of the Game, Fish, and Water Safety Account.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.