

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 236
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas requires a landowner to have a hunting license to hunt a feral hog on the landowner's property. This requirement prohibits landowners from controlling the feral hogs that prey on lambs, fawns, quail and turkey nesting grounds, and destroy field crops. C.S.S.B. 236 amends the Parks and Wildlife Code to exempt landowners and contract managers from the requirement of having a hunting license to hunt a feral hog on the landowner's property.

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 42.002, Parks and Wildlife Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c), as follows:

- (a) Provides that Subsection (c), as added by this Act, is an exception to the rule that no resident may hunt any bird or animal in this state without a hunting license. Makes conforming changes.
- (c) Prohibits the Parks and Wildlife Commission from requiring a landowner and contract managers to have a hunting license to hunt a feral hog on the landowner's property.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Differs from As Filed in Relating Clause by adding "and certain other persons" to the exemption from the requirement that a person have a hunting license to hunt a feral hog.

SECTION 1. Differs from As Filed in Subsection (c) by adding contract managers to the exemption from the requirement that a person have a hunting license to hunt a feral hog.