

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, feral hogs must cause depredation on landowner's property in order to be taken without acquiring an annual hunting license. S.B. 317 strikes "causing depredation" from statute to allow all feral hogs in Texas to be taken without the need to acquire an annual hunting license. S.B. 317 does not affect hunter's education requirements or aerial hunting permits.

As proposed, S.B. 317 amends current law relating to the taking of feral hogs without a 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 42.002(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, to authorize a resident landowner or the landowner's agent or lessee to take feral hogs, rather than feral hogs causing depredation, on the resident landowner's land without having acquired a hunting license.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 42.005(f), Parks and Wildlife Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.