

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1978
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, and
1-4 Rural Affairs; April 28, 2015, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 28, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a voluntary contribution to help feed hungry Texans
1-18 when a person applies for a hunting license.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended
1-21 by adding Section 42.011 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 42.011. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO HELP FEED HUNGRY
1-23 TEXANS. (a) When a person applies for a hunting license of any
1-24 type under this chapter, the person may contribute \$1 or more to a
1-25 nonprofit organization, designated by the commission, whose
1-26 purposes include the administration of a statewide program that
1-27 provides hunters with a way to donate legally harvested deer to
1-28 local food assistance providers. The program must include the
1-29 recruitment of meat processors who, for a nominal fee to cover
1-30 processing costs, process and package the venison and contact the
1-31 food assistance providers to pick up the venison.

1-32 (b) The department shall:

1-33 (1) include space on each application for a hunting
1-34 license that allows a person applying for the license to indicate
1-35 the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the
1-36 nonprofit organization; and

1-37 (2) provide an opportunity for a person to contribute
1-38 to the nonprofit organization during the application process for a
1-39 hunting license on the department's Internet website.

1-40 (c) After deducting the department's administrative costs,
1-41 the department shall hold in trust the remainder of the amount a
1-42 person contributes under this section to the nonprofit
1-43 organization. Not later than November 1 of each year, the
1-44 department shall send the money held in trust to the nonprofit
1-45 organization.

1-46 (d) Money received by the nonprofit organization under this
1-47 section may be used only to administer, operate, support, and
1-48 promote the program described by Subsection (a).

1-49 (e) The nonprofit organization shall submit an annual
1-50 report to the legislature and the department that includes the
1-51 total dollar amount of contributions received by the organization
1-52 under this section.

1-53 (f) The commission may adopt rules to implement this
1-54 section, including rules related to processes for the selection,
1-55 inspection, and periodic review of the nonprofit organization.

1-56 SECTION 2. The commission shall designate a nonprofit
1-57 organization to receive the donations under Section 42.011, Parks
1-58 and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, not later than September
1-59 15, 2015.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-61 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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