

1-1 By: Price, Martinez (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 1771  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2017;  
 1-3 May 1, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; May 16, 2017, reported  
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 16, 2017,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the use of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of  
 1-19 the Canadian River in Potter County.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Title 7, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by  
 1-22 adding Chapter 287 to read as follows:

1-23 CHAPTER 287. POTTER COUNTY

1-24 Sec. 287.001. DISCHARGE OF FIREARM PROHIBITED. (a) In this  
 1-25 section, "firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section 62.014.

1-26 (b) This section applies only to the segment of the Canadian  
 1-27 River extending from the intersection of United States Highways 287  
 1-28 and 87 and the Canadian River to:

1-29 (1) a point 1.2 miles west of the intersection, marked  
 1-30 by a structure serving as a railroad trestle; and

1-31 (2) a point 1.5 miles east of the intersection, where  
 1-32 the Canadian River enters the Lake Meredith National Recreational  
 1-33 Area.

1-34 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person may not  
 1-35 discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from any kind of bow if the  
 1-36 person is located in or on the bed or bank of the portion of the  
 1-37 Canadian River to which this chapter applies at the time the firearm  
 1-38 is discharged or the arrow is shot from the bow.

1-39 (d) This section does not apply to:

1-40 (1) an individual acting in the scope of the  
 1-41 individual's duties as a peace officer or department employee; or

1-42 (2) the discharge of a shotgun loaded with ammunition  
 1-43 that releases only shot when discharged.

1-44 (e) This section does not limit the ability of a license  
 1-45 holder to carry a concealed handgun under the authority of  
 1-46 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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