

1-1 By: Morrison, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 3497
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the requirement that certain persons taking oysters on
 1-20 a licensed commercial oyster boat obtain a commercial fisherman's
 1-21 license.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 47.002(f), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 (f) A person who takes or assists in taking oysters on a
 1-26 vessel licensed as a commercial oyster boat under Chapter 76 is
 1-27 ~~not~~ required to obtain or possess a general commercial
 1-28 fisherman's license. This subsection does not apply to the holder
 1-29 of a commercial oyster boat captain's license.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 76.101(d), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-31 amended to read as follows:

1-32 (d) Each member of the crew of a licensed commercial oyster
 1-33 boat is required to have a general commercial fisherman's license
 1-34 to take oysters while they are on a licensed boat that is being used
 1-35 to take oysters. This subsection does not apply to the holder of a
 1-36 commercial oyster boat captain's license.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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