1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of certain weapons in or on the beds or banks of

3 the Canadian River in Potter County.

4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5   SECTION 1. Title 7, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by

6 adding Chapter 287 to read as follows:

7   CHAPTER 287. POTTER COUNTY

8   Sec. 287.001. DISCHARGE OF FIREARM PROHIBITED. (a) In this

9 section, "firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section 62.014.

10   (b) This section applies only to the segment of the Canadian

11 River extending from the intersection of United States Highways 287

12 and 87 and the Canadian River to:

13   (1) a point 1.2 miles west of the intersection, marked

14 by a structure serving as a railroad trestle; and

15   (2) a point 1.5 miles east of the intersection, where

16 the Canadian River enters the Lake Meredith National Recreational

17 Area.

18   (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person may not

19 discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from any kind of bow if the

20 person is located in or on the bed or bank of the portion of the

21 Canadian River to which this chapter applies at the time the firearm

22 is discharged or the arrow is shot from the bow.

23   (d) This section does not apply to:

24   (1) an individual acting in the scope of the

1   individual's duties as a peace officer or department employee; or

2   (2) the discharge of a shotgun loaded with ammunition

3   that releases only shot when discharged.

4   (e) This section does not limit the ability of a license

5   holder to carry a concealed handgun under the authority of

6   Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

7   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

    I certify that H.B. No. 1771 was passed by the House on April 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

    I certify that H.B. No. 1771 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

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Governor