

AN ACT

relating to the use of money subject to restrictions under federal law that is credited to the deferred maintenance fund account.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2165.403, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The use of money credited to the fund by appropriation or transfer from the game, fish, and water safety account, the lifetime license endowment account, or another fund or account in the state treasury the use of which is subject to restrictions under the federal Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. Section 777 et seq.), the federal Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. Section 669 et seq.), or other federal law, and the use of money earned as interest or other earnings on the investment of that money credited to the fund, continues to be subject to those federal restrictions and may be used only for a function required to manage this state's fish or wildlife resources in accordance with those federal restrictions.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3537 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3537 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor