

AN ACT

relating to the uses of the lifetime license endowment account by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.063, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.063. USES OF ACCOUNT. To the extent allowed by federal law, money in the lifetime license endowment fund and interest [~~Interest~~] earned on the lifetime license endowment account may be used only for the purpose of managing the fish and wildlife resources of this state, as follows [~~to~~]:

(1) acquiring [~~acquire~~] public hunting and fishing areas; [~~and~~]

(2) developing, managing, and repairing [~~develop, manage, and repair~~] public hunting and fishing areas; and

(3) making capital expenditures related to fisheries and wildlife resources, including:

(A) land acquisition;

(B) construction; and

(C) the purchase of:

(i) transportation items;

(ii) equipment; and

(iii) information technology resources.

SECTION 2. Section 11.064, Parks and Wildlife Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 Sec. 11.064. RESTRICTIONS. (a) No expenditure
3 ~~[expenditures]~~ shall be made from the principal of the lifetime
4 license endowment account if that expenditure would lower the
5 unencumbered balance of the principal of the account below \$20
6 million ~~[except as provided by law]~~.

7 (b) The interest earnings on and principal in the lifetime
8 license endowment account may not be used to pay salaries or
9 employee benefits.

10 (c) The interest earnings on the lifetime license endowment
11 account may be used for any purpose described by Section [11.063](#).

12 (d) The principal in the lifetime license endowment account
13 may be used only for the purpose described by Section [11.063](#)(3).

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3781 was passed by the House on May 6, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3781 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor