

By: Lopez of Cameron

H.B. No. 1958

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice provided by food service establishments serving shrimp imported from outside of this state.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 437, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 437.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 437.029. IMPORTED SHRIMP NOTICE. (a) For purposes of this section, a shrimp caught in the Gulf of Mexico is considered to be imported from outside of this state if the shrimp is caught outside of the state-owned submerged lands described by Section 11.012, Natural Resources Code.

(b) A food service establishment serving shrimp imported from outside of this state shall provide to customers of the establishment notice of the shrimp's importation. The establishment must provide the notice by:

(1) posting the notice in a conspicuous place in an area of the establishment accessible to the customers; or

(2) placing the notice on the establishment's food menu.

(c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 437.029, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, a food service establishment is not required to comply with that section before March 1, 2026.

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1       SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.