

AN ACT

relating to a microchip scan of animals in the custody of an animal shelter or releasing agency, including an animal rescue organization.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 823, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 823.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 823.004. MICROCHIP SCAN REQUIRED. As soon as practicable after an animal is placed in the custody of an animal shelter or a releasing agency as defined by Section 828.001, including an animal rescue organization, the shelter, agency, or organization shall scan the animal to determine whether a microchip is implanted in the animal.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 604 was passed by the House on April 14, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 604 was passed by the Senate on May 13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor