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H.B. No. 652

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice of an epizootic infectious disease occurring in an animal shelter.

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. REQUIRED NOTICE OF EPIZOOTIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES. (a) In this section, "epizootic" has the meaning assigned by Section 826.002.

(b) An animal shelter shall provide written, electronic, or telephonic notice to each person who adopts an animal from the shelter of any epizootic infectious disease that occurs among the animals in the shelter for the period:

(1) beginning on the 15th day before the date the person adopts the animal; and

(2) ending on the 15th day after the date the person adopts the animal.

(c) Section 823.009 does not apply to this section.

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