

AN ACT

relating to the slaughter and processing of exotic animals for donation to a nonprofit food bank.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 433.006, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 433.006. EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL USE OR DONATION TO NONPROFIT FOOD BANK [~~EXEMPTION~~].

SECTION 2. Section 433.006, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) The provisions of this chapter requiring inspection of the slaughter of livestock and the preparation of carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, and meat food products at establishments conducting those operations do not apply to the slaughtering of livestock or the preparation and transportation in intrastate commerce of those articles if:

(1) the articles are:

(A) livestock exclusively for personal use by the owner of the livestock, a member of the owner's family, or a nonpaying guest of the owner; or

(B) exotic animals exclusively for donation by a hunter to a nonprofit food bank, as defined by Section 418.026(a), Government Code;

1           (2) the slaughter or preparation is conducted at the  
2 owner's premises, the premises where the hunter killed the exotic  
3 animal, or at a processing establishment; and

4           (3) the transportation is limited to moving the  
5 carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, and meat food products to and  
6 from:

7                   (A) the owner's premises and a processing  
8 establishment; or

9                   (B) the premises where the hunter killed the  
10 exotic animal, the processing establishment, and the nonprofit food  
11 bank.

12           (d) An article described by Subsection (a)(1)(B) may not be  
13 combined with:

14                   (1) a meat food product regulated under the Federal  
15 Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. Section 601 et seq.); or

16                   (2) a poultry product regulated under the federal  
17 Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. Section 451 et seq.).

18           SECTION 3. Section 433.024(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20           (b) The department shall inspect each slaughtering  
21 establishment whose primary business is the selling of livestock to  
22 be slaughtered by the purchaser on premises owned or operated by the  
23 seller. This subsection does not nullify the provisions in Section  
24 433.006 relating to exemptions [~~personal use exemption~~].

25           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

---

President of the Senate

---

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2213 was passed by the House on April 16, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2213 on May 23, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting.

---

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2213 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

---

Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

---

Governor