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H.B. No. 3442

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirement that the State Board of Veterinary
3 Medical Examiners provide a copy of a complaint to the subject of
4 the complaint.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 801.207, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (c) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the board shall
10 provide a copy of each complaint to the license holder who is the
11 subject of the complaint not later than the 14th day before the date
12 any response is due, unless providing a copy of the complaint would
13 jeopardize an investigation. The board may not require the license
14 holder to request a copy of the complaint.

15 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), the [The] board
16 shall protect the identity of a complainant to the extent possible.

17 SECTION 2. Section 801.207, Occupations Code, as amended by
18 this Act, applies only to a complaint filed with the State Board of
19 Veterinary Medical Examiners on or after the effective date of this
20 Act. A complaint filed with the board before the effective date of
21 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the complaint
22 was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
23 purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.