

1-1 By: Springer S.B. No. 1997  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; April 1, 2021, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural  
1-4 Affairs; April 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Perry</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Springer</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Creighton</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Eckhardt</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Gutierrez</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Johnson</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Kolkhorst</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Powell</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Taylor</u>	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the control of diseases of swine.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 161.041(a), Agriculture Code, is amended  
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (a) The commission shall protect all livestock, exotic  
1-24 livestock, domestic fowl, and exotic fowl from the following:

- 1-25 (1) tuberculosis;
- 1-26 (2) anthrax;
- 1-27 (3) glanders;
- 1-28 (4) infectious abortion;
- 1-29 (5) hemorrhagic septicemia;
- 1-30 (6) classical swine fever [~~hog cholera~~];
- 1-31 (7) Malta fever;
- 1-32 (8) foot-and-mouth disease;
- 1-33 (9) rabies among animals other than canines;
- 1-34 (10) bacillary white diarrhea among fowl;
- 1-35 (11) equine infectious anemia; and
- 1-36 (12) other diseases recognized as communicable by the  
1-37 veterinary profession.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 165.002, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
1-39 read as follows:

1-40 Sec. 165.002. [~~OWNER~~] TREATMENT. Except as otherwise  
1-41 provided by law, a representative of the commission or a person  
1-42 authorized by the commission may vaccinate, inoculate, or treat  
1-43 hogs [owned by that person] with classical swine fever [~~hog~~  
1-44 ~~cholera~~] virus or serum or with another remedy[, and a county  
1-45 ~~demonstration agent may vaccinate, inoculate, or treat any hogs in~~  
1-46 ~~the county in which the agent is employed with hog cholera virus or~~  
1-47 ~~serum or with another remedy].~~

1-48 SECTION 3. Section 165.003, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
1-49 read as follows:

1-50 Sec. 165.003. SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF UNATTENUATED  
1-51 CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER [~~HOG CHOLERA~~] VIRUS. (a) A person may not  
1-52 sell, offer for sale, barter, exchange, or give away unattenuated  
1-53 classical swine fever [~~hog cholera~~] virus.

1-54 (b) This section does not prohibit:

1-55 (1) acquisition, propagation, manufacture, or use of  
1-56 unattenuated classical swine fever [~~hog cholera~~] virus by, and on  
1-57 the licensed premises of, a firm operating under a United States  
1-58 veterinary license issued by the secretary of agriculture of the  
1-59 United States;

1-60 (2) manufacture of unattenuated classical swine fever  
1-61 [~~hog cholera~~] virus by a firm operating under a United States

2-1 veterinary license for the sale or distribution in states in which  
2-2 use of attenuated classical swine fever [~~hog cholera~~] virus is  
2-3 permitted; or

2-4 (3) keeping vaccine on hand for purely experimental or  
2-5 research activities by a recognized college, university, school, or  
2-6 laboratory engaged in research activities.

2-7 (c) In this section, "unattenuated classical swine fever  
2-8 [~~hog cholera~~] virus" means a classical swine fever [~~hog cholera~~]  
2-9 virus that has not been modified or inactivated.

2-10 SECTION 4. Section 165.021, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
2-11 read as follows:

2-12 Sec. 165.021. COOPERATION WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
2-13 AGRICULTURE. The commission may cooperate with the United States  
2-14 Department of Agriculture in the eradication of vesicular  
2-15 exanthema, foot and mouth disease of swine, classical swine fever  
2-16 [~~hog cholera~~], and other diseases of swine.

2-17 SECTION 5. Section 165.022, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
2-18 read as follows:

2-19 Sec. 165.022. METHOD OF DISEASE ERADICATION. (a)  
2-20 Following notice and public hearing, the commission shall adopt  
2-21 rules for the enforcement of this subchapter, including rules  
2-22 providing for the manner, method, and system of eradicating swine  
2-23 diseases.

2-24 (b) The commission may by a two-thirds vote adopt rules  
2-25 under this section that are more stringent than the [~~may not exceed~~  
2-26 ~~the rules relating to~~] minimum standards for cooperative programs  
2-27 adopted by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the  
2-28 United States Department of Agriculture.

2-29 SECTION 6. The heading to Section 165.042, Agriculture  
2-30 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-31 Sec. 165.042. SALE OF UNATTENUATED CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER  
2-32 [~~HOG CHOLERA~~] VIRUS.

2-33 SECTION 7. The amendments made by this Act to replace  
2-34 references to "hog cholera" with "classical swine fever" are a  
2-35 clarification of existing law and do not imply that existing law may  
2-36 be construed as inconsistent with the law as amended by this Act.

2-37 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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