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H.B. No. 2772

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the recovery of attorney's fees in cases involving veterinary malpractice or negligence.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) For purposes of this section, a claim described by Subsection (b)(6) does not include a claim against a veterinarian, as defined by Section 801.002, Occupations Code, for veterinary malpractice or negligence.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an award of attorney's fees in an action commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. An award of attorney's fees in an action commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the award immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.