

AN ACT

relating to the dismissal of a baseless or unfounded complaint filed with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 801.2052 to read as follows:

Sec. 801.2052. DISMISSAL OF BASELESS OR UNFOUNDED COMPLAINT. (a) If, before the 180th day after the date the board's official investigation of a complaint is commenced, the board determines in accordance with rules adopted under this section that a complaint filed with the board is baseless or unfounded, the board shall:

(1) dismiss the complaint; and

(2) include a statement in the record of the complaint that the complaint was dismissed because the complaint was baseless or unfounded.

(b) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section and establish criteria for determining that a complaint is baseless or unfounded.

SECTION 2. Rules adopted under Section 801.2052, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, may not take effect until September 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1523 passed the Senate on April 3, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 4, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1523 passed the House, with amendment, on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor