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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to appropriating fees, fee increases, and surcharges collected by certain state agencies under various Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

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

SECTION 1. (a) All fees collected during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Animal Health Commission under Section 161.0411, Agriculture Code, as added by House Bill No. 2328, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are appropriated to the Texas Animal Health Commission for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for the purpose of administering Section 161.0411.

(b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in connection with administering Section 161.0411, Agriculture Code, as added by House Bill No. 2328, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance with applicable rules of the comptroller.

SECTION 2. (a) The additional revenue generated by the increase in the amount of lobby registration fees under Section 305.0064, Government Code, as added by House Bill No. 1606, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, collected during the

1 state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas
2 Ethics Commission is appropriated, in an amount not to exceed
3 \$267,400, to the Texas Ethics Commission for the state fiscal
4 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for the development and
5 implementation of the electronic filing system for lobbyists, as
6 required by Section 305.0064.

7 (b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred
8 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in
9 connection with administering Section 305.0064, Government Code,
10 as added by House Bill No. 1606, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
11 Regular Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made
12 by Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the
13 appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance
14 with applicable rules of the comptroller.

15 SECTION 3. (a) All fees collected during the state fiscal
16 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, authorized by Subchapter G,
17 Chapter 101, Occupations Code, as added by House Bill No. 2985, Acts
18 of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are appropriated to
19 the Health Professions Council for the state fiscal biennium
20 beginning September 1, 2003, for the administration of the office
21 of patient protection under Subchapter G, Chapter 101, Occupations
22 Code.

23 (b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred
24 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in
25 connection with administering Subchapter G, Chapter 101,
26 Occupations Code, as added by House Bill No. 2985, Acts of the 78th
27 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the

1 appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section and shall be
2 allocated to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items
3 in accordance with applicable rules of the comptroller.

4 SECTION 4. All surcharges collected during the state fiscal
5 biennium beginning September 1, 2003, by the Texas Alcoholic
6 Beverage Commission under Section 5.55(b), Alcoholic Beverage
7 Code, as added by Senate Bill No. 855, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
8 Regular Session, 2003, are appropriated to the Texas Alcoholic
9 Beverage Commission for the state fiscal biennium beginning
10 September 1, 2003, for the purpose described by Section 5.55.

11 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect December 1, 2003.