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H.B. No. 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain powers and duties of the Department of  
Agriculture and other entities engaged in agricultural activities.

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

SECTION 1. The following provisions of the Agriculture Code  
are repealed:

(1) Sections 12.004, 12.008, 12.009, 12.030, 13.005,  
13.006, 13.103, 13.105, 13.106, 13.107, 13.108(b) and (c), 15.004,  
77.004, and 77.005; and

(2) Chapters 53, 96, 104, 145, and 252.

SECTION 2. Section 13.109, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 13.109. RULES GOVERNING SEALERS. The department shall  
issue instructions and adopt rules governing state [~~county, and~~  
~~local~~] sealers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 13.110(a), Agriculture Code, is amended  
to read as follows:

(a) In accordance with this subchapter, each sealer may  
inspect and test all weights and measures used in the locality to  
which the sealer is assigned [~~or in the city or county in which the~~  
~~sealer is appointed~~].

SECTION 4. Section 13.122, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

1           Sec. 13.122. PENALTIES. An offense under Section [~~13.103,~~  
2 ~~13.106,~~] 13.114[~~7~~] or each of Sections 13.116 through 13.121 [~~of~~  
3 ~~this code~~] is a Class C misdemeanor.

4           SECTION 5. The farm and ranch loan security fund created  
5 under Section 252.081, Agriculture Code, is abolished.

6           SECTION 6. Section 146.021, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8           Sec. 146.021. DEPARTMENT FACILITIES. The department may  
9 receive and hold for processing animals and animal products  
10 transported in international trade and may establish and collect  
11 reasonable fees for yardage, maintenance, feed, medical care,  
12 facility use, and other necessary expenses incurred in the course  
13 of processing those animals.

14           SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.