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H.B. No. 2738

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to regulation of wild animals by counties and certain other authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 240.002, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The commissioners court of a county may delegate the authority granted under Subsection (a) to a county health department or a public health district established under Subchapter E, Chapter 121, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. Section 822.116(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This subchapter does not prevent a municipality or county, or a public health district authorized by a county under Section 240.002, Local Government Code, from prohibiting or regulating by ordinance or order the ownership, possession, confinement, or care of a dangerous wild animal.

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, 2003.