

By: Cook of Colorado

H.B. No. 3213

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of veterinarians to form a professional
3 association.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2(A), Texas Professional Association Act
6 (Article 1528f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (A) Formation. Any one or more persons duly licensed to
9 practice a profession, including podiatry, dentistry, ~~[or]~~
10 optometry, ~~[or]~~ therapeutic optometry, ~~[or]~~ chiropractic, or
11 veterinary medicine, under the laws of this state may, by complying
12 with this Act, form a professional association, as distinguished
13 from either a partnership or a corporation, by associating
14 themselves for the purpose of performing professional services and
15 dividing the gains therefrom as stated in articles of association
16 or bylaws.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.