

1-1 By: Cook of Colorado (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 3213
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 16, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 16, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of veterinarians to form a professional
1-9 association.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 2(A), Texas Professional Association Act
1-12 (Article 1528f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read
1-13 as follows:

1-14 (A) Formation. Any one or more persons duly licensed to
1-15 practice a profession, including podiatry, dentistry, ~~[or]~~
1-16 optometry, ~~[or]~~ therapeutic optometry, ~~[or]~~ chiropractic, or
1-17 veterinary medicine, under the laws of this state may, by complying
1-18 with this Act, form a professional association, as distinguished
1-19 from either a partnership or a corporation, by associating
1-20 themselves for the purpose of performing professional services and
1-21 dividing the gains therefrom as stated in articles of association
1-22 or bylaws.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-27 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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