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S.B. No. 1413

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 The following provisions of the Agriculture Code are repealed: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. Subsection (a), Section 13.110, 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. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.