

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1426  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

House Bill 3262, passed by the 76th Legislature in 1999, added Section 862.0211 to the Health & Safety Code to protect copies of rabies vaccination records held by city and county governments from disclosure under the Open Records Act. However, a recent Attorney General Open Records letter ruling negated the effectiveness of the bill, and took away the protection that Section 862.0211 of the Health & Safety Code provides.

HB 1426 restores protection to all copies of animal records held by municipal or county governments under the Open Records Act.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

This bill amends Health & Safety Code to add any record compiled from the information contained in one or more certificates to documents not subject to disclosure under the Open Records Act.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Act takes effect immediately upon passage or September 1, 2005.