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H.B. No. 1362

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inspection of livestock at livestock markets.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.114, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 161.114. INSPECTION OF LIVESTOCK. An authorized inspector may [~~shall visually~~] examine [~~all~~] livestock consigned to and delivered on the premises of a livestock market before the livestock are offered for sale. If the inspector considers it necessary, the inspector may have an animal tested or vaccinated. Any testing or vaccination must occur before the animal is removed from the livestock market.

SECTION 2. 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, 2005.