

1-1 By: Staples S.B. No. 1708
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2005; March 30, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Agriculture and Coastal
1-4 Resources; April 7, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on
1-5 Natural Resources; April 13, 2005, reported favorably from
1-6 Committee on Natural Resources by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-7 Nays 0; April 13, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to assessments levied on certain owners of cattle and used
1-11 for marketing, education, research, and promotion of Texas beef.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 41.160, Agriculture Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 41.160. ASSESSMENTS[~~, APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW~~].

1-16 (a) The commissioner, on the recommendation of the council, shall
1-17 propose the maximum assessment in a referendum under Section 41.162
1-18 and the manner in which it is collected.

1-19 (b) If an assessment referendum is approved, the council
1-20 shall collect the assessment.

1-21 (c) An assessment levied on producers may be applied to
1-22 efforts relating to the marketing, education, research, and
1-23 promotion of beef and beef products in Texas, the United States, and
1-24 international markets.

1-25 (d) Assessments collected by the council are not state funds
1-26 and are not required to be deposited in the state treasury.

1-27 [~~(e) Section 41.083 applies to an assessment collected by~~
1-28 ~~the council under this subchapter. Section 41.082 does not apply to~~
1-29 ~~an assessment collected under this subchapter.]~~

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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