

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1363** by Hardcastle (Relating to certificates of veterinary inspection.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1363, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$776,040 through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	\$388,020
2007	\$388,020
2008	\$388,020
2009	\$388,020
2010	\$388,020

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2006	\$440,000	(\$51,980)
2007	\$440,000	(\$51,980)
2008	\$440,000	(\$51,980)
2009	\$440,000	(\$51,980)
2010	\$440,000	(\$51,980)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill repeals Agriculture Code 161.081(d), which presently states that the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) shall charge a fee of 25 cents per health certificate; the bill further requires the TAHC to set the fee for health certificates by Commission rule. If passed, these changes will become effective on September 1, 2005.

**Methodology**

Although the bill does not set a fee rate for the health certificates, the TAHC proposes increasing the fee from \$0.25 to \$4.00 per health certificate. Based on this rate and assuming 4,400 books containing 25 health certificates each (110,000 certificates) are issued each fiscal year at \$100 per book, the agency anticipates collecting a total of \$440,000 a fiscal year.

The agency estimates the production, distribution, and collection expenses associated with the health certificates to be \$51,980 per fiscal year.

**Technology**

None.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 551 Department of Agriculture, 554 Animal Health Commission

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