

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3300
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Llamas and alpacas have always existed solely as domestic livestock. Failure to include them within the current definition of livestock in the Texas Agricultural Code has caused some llama and alpaca owners to have difficulty in obtaining farm/ranch liability insurance and not all Texas counties have an allowance (animal unit) determination for agricultural valuations for llamas and alpacas. C.S.H.B. 3300 will add llamas and alpacas to the existing definition of Livestock in the Texas Agricultural Code and thus standardize the classification of llamas and alpacas in all counties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3300 amends the Agriculture Code by adding llamas and alpacas to the list of animals defined as livestock.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The original bill lacked an effective date. C.S.H.B. 3300 adds an effective date to the bill.