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H.B. No. 1728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to confidentiality of certain information in rabies
3 vaccination certificates and dog and cat registries.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 826.0211(b), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The information may be disclosed only to a governmental
8 entity or a person that, under a contract with a governmental
9 entity, provides animal control services or animal registration
10 services for the governmental entity for purposes related to the
11 protection of public health and safety. A governmental entity or
12 person that receives the information, including a county or
13 municipality that registers dogs and cats under Subchapter D, must
14 maintain the confidentiality of the information, may not disclose
15 the information under Chapter 552, Government Code, and may not use
16 the information for a purpose that does not directly relate to the
17 protection of public health and safety.

18 SECTION 2. Section 826.0311(b), Health and Safety Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (b) The information may be disclosed only to a governmental
21 entity or a person that, under a contract with a governmental
22 entity, provides animal control services or animal registration
23 services for the governmental entity for purposes related to the
24 protection of public health and safety. A governmental entity or

1 person that receives the information must maintain the
2 confidentiality of the information, may not disclose the
3 information under Chapter 552, Government Code, and may not use the
4 information for a purpose that does not directly relate to the
5 protection of public health and safety.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.