

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of certain city requirements affecting the restraint of certain dogs on annexed or otherwise acquired property used for agricultural operations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 251.005, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-2) to read as follows:

(c-2) A governmental requirement of a city relating to the restraint of a dog that would apply to an agricultural operation under Subsection (c) does not apply to a dog used to protect livestock on property controlled by the property owner while the dog is being used on such property for that purpose.

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, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 205 was passed by the House on April 9, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 205 was passed by the Senate on May 13, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor