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H.B. No. 2042

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the notice requirements following impoundment of an
estrays.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.009(d), Agriculture Code, is amended
to read as follows:

(d) If the owner of the estrays is unknown, the sheriff or the
sheriff's designee shall make a diligent search for the identity of
the owner of the estrays, including a search in the county register
of recorded brands, if the animal has an identifiable brand. If the
search does not reveal the owner, the sheriff shall post a notice of
the impoundment of the estrays on the public notice board of the
courthouse and advertise the impoundment of the estrays:

(1) in a newspaper of general circulation in the
county at least twice during the 15 days after the date of
impoundment; or

(2) on the county's Internet website for at least 15
days after the date of impoundment [~~and shall post a notice of the
impoundment on the public notice board of the courthouse~~].

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.