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H.B. No. 4006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to veterinarian reports of diseased animals.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 161.101(a) and (b), Agriculture Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A veterinarian, a veterinary diagnostic laboratory, or a person having care, custody, or control of an animal shall report the existence of the following diseases among livestock, exotic livestock, bison, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl to the commission within 24 hours after diagnosis of the disease:

- (1) anthrax;
- (2) avian infectious laryngotracheitis;
- (3) avian influenza;
- (4) avian tuberculosis;
- (5) bovine trichomoniasis;
- (6) chronic wasting disease;
- (7) [~~(6)~~] duck virus enteritis;
- (8) [~~(7)~~] duck virus hepatitis;
- (9) [~~(8)~~] equine encephalomyelitis;
- (10) equine herpes virus-1;
- (11) [~~(9)~~] equine infectious anemia;
- (12) equine viral arteritis;
- (13) [~~(10)~~] infectious encephalomyelitis in poultry or other fowl;

1 (14) [~~(11)~~] ornithosis;

2 (15) [~~(12)~~] paramyxovirus infection in poultry or
3 other fowl; or

4 (16) [~~(13)~~] scabies in sheep or cattle.

5 (b) In addition to reporting required by Subsection (a), the
6 commission may adopt rules that require a veterinarian, a
7 veterinary diagnostic laboratory, or a person having care, custody,
8 or control of an animal to report the existence of a disease other
9 than bluetongue in an animal to the commission within 24 hours after
10 diagnosis if the disease:

11 (1) is recognized by the United States Department of
12 Agriculture as a foreign animal disease;

13 (2) is the subject of a cooperative eradication
14 program with the United States Department of Agriculture;

15 (3) is a disease reportable to [~~named on "List A" of~~]
16 the Office International Des Epizooties; or

17 (4) is the subject of a state of emergency, as declared
18 by the governor.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
20 to a diagnosis made on or after the effective date of this Act. A
21 diagnosis made before the effective date of this Act is covered by
22 the law in effect immediately before that date, and the former law
23 is continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.