

1-1 By: Hardcastle (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 4006
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2009;
1-3 May 4, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 12, 2009, reported favorably by
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to veterinarian reports of diseased animals.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Sections 161.101(a) and (b), Agriculture Code,
1-11 are amended to read as follows:

1-12 (a) A veterinarian, a veterinary diagnostic laboratory, or
1-13 a person having care, custody, or control of an animal shall report
1-14 the existence of the following diseases among livestock, exotic
1-15 livestock, bison, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl to the commission
1-16 within 24 hours after diagnosis of the disease:

- 1-17 (1) anthrax;
- 1-18 (2) avian infectious laryngotracheitis;
- 1-19 (3) avian influenza;
- 1-20 (4) avian tuberculosis;
- 1-21 (5) bovine trichomoniasis;
- 1-22 (6) chronic wasting disease;
- 1-23 (7) ~~[(6)]~~ duck virus enteritis;
- 1-24 (8) ~~[(7)]~~ duck virus hepatitis;
- 1-25 (9) ~~[(8)]~~ equine encephalomyelitis;
- 1-26 (10) equine herpes virus-1;
- 1-27 (11) ~~[(9)]~~ equine infectious anemia;
- 1-28 (12) equine viral arteritis;
- 1-29 (13) ~~[(10)]~~ infectious encephalomyelitis in poultry
1-30 or other fowl;
- 1-31 (14) ~~[(11)]~~ ornithosis;
- 1-32 (15) ~~[(12)]~~ paramyxovirus infection in poultry or
1-33 other fowl; or
- 1-34 (16) ~~[(13)]~~ scabies in sheep or cattle.

1-35 (b) In addition to reporting required by Subsection (a), the
1-36 commission may adopt rules that require a veterinarian, a
1-37 veterinary diagnostic laboratory, or a person having care, custody,
1-38 or control of an animal to report the existence of a disease other
1-39 than bluetongue in an animal to the commission within 24 hours after
1-40 diagnosis if the disease:

- 1-41 (1) is recognized by the United States Department of
1-42 Agriculture as a foreign animal disease;
- 1-43 (2) is the subject of a cooperative eradication
1-44 program with the United States Department of Agriculture;
- 1-45 (3) is a disease reportable to ~~[named on "List A" of]~~
1-46 the Office International Des Epizooties; or
- 1-47 (4) is the subject of a state of emergency, as declared
1-48 by the governor.

1-49 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-50 to a diagnosis made on or after the effective date of this Act. A
1-51 diagnosis made before the effective date of this Act is covered by
1-52 the law in effect immediately before that date, and the former law
1-53 is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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