

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1356
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Agriculture & Livestock
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently under Subchapter E (Registration of Animal Tattoo Marks), Chapter 144 (Marks and Brands), Agriculture Code, a person who owns one or more horses, hogs, dogs, sheep, or goats in this state may register with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), for exclusive use, any tattoo mark or other generally accepted identification method that is not previously recorded. This registration is then forwarded to the county clerk in the county where the animal is located. This method of tattoo registration is not used because most people register tattoos for livestock directly with the county.

S.B. 1356 repeals Subchapter 4, Chapter 144, Agriculture Code, so a person would simply register the marking with the county. The comptroller of public accounts indicates that DPS has received one registration under this statute in the past 25 years and the livestock tattoo fund to which the fees would be deposited is not an active fund or account.

As proposed, S.B. 1356 amends current law relating to the repeal of certain laws regulating the registration of animal tattoo marks with the Department of Public Safety.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

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SECTION 1. Repealer: Subchapter E (Registration of Animal Tattoo Marks), Chapter 144 (Marks and Brands), Agriculture Code.

SECTION 2. Provides that the repeal by this Act of Subchapter E, Chapter 144, Agriculture Code, does not affect the validity of a certificate of registration issued under that subchapter before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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