

By: Taylor of Collin

H.B. No. 3486

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to municipal regulation of dogs used for search and rescue or law enforcement purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 341, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 341.906 to read as follows:

Sec. 341.906. MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF CERTAIN SERVICE DOGS.

(a) In this section, "volunteer search and rescue team" means an individual or an organized group of volunteers issued a written document by a law enforcement department that recognizes the individual or group as a person or group that trains dogs to assist in the location of a lost or missing person or for law enforcement purposes.

(b) A municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, including a leash law, that restricts the ability of a volunteer search and rescue team to train a service dog for search and rescue or law enforcement purposes.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.