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**TO:** Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

**FROM:** John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3637** by Miller, Sid (Relating to the regulation of equine dental technicians; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB3637, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$215,616) through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	(\$146,508)
2013	(\$69,108)
2014	(\$69,108)
2015	(\$69,108)
2016	(\$69,108)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2011
2012	(\$152,508)	\$6,000	1.0
2013	(\$75,108)	\$6,000	1.0
2014	(\$75,108)	\$6,000	1.0
2015	(\$75,108)	\$6,000	1.0
2016	(\$75,108)	\$6,000	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to provide the Department of Agriculture (TDA) the authority to register equine dental technicians. The bill would allow TDA to impose an administrative penalty for certain violations.

The provisions of the bill require TDA to collect reasonable fees for an applicant for registration.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

**Methodology**

Based on information provided by TDA and the Texas Equine Veterinary Association, this analysis assumes that 100 equine dental technicians would be registered. Based on an assumed registration fee of \$60 (i.e., the rate TDA presently charges for similar registration programs) per equine dental technician, there would be an estimated revenue gain of \$6,000 per fiscal year to the General Revenue Fund.

The estimated cost to TDA associated with registering 100 equine dental technicians is \$227,616 in the 2012-2013 biennium. Total fiscal impact to TDA in fiscal year 2012 is an estimated \$152,508 and \$75,108 in fiscal year 2013 and subsequent fiscal years.

TDA estimates that one FTE would be required to implement the provisions of the bill with a related salary cost of \$53,502 per fiscal year and benefit costs of \$14,906 per fiscal year. Other operating expenses, including related information technology (IT) costs and the purchase of a vehicle are estimated at \$84,100 in fiscal year 2012 and \$1,200 for ongoing IT (data center contract) costs in subsequent years.

**Technology**

There would be a technology cost to the TDA of \$59,600 in fiscal year 2012 in one-time IT costs for field setup and modifications to TDA's in-house data system; and, \$1,200 in ongoing data center costs in subsequent years.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 551 Department of Agriculture

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