

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

By: Aycock

H.B. No. 413

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the confidentiality of certain information held by a
3 veterinarian.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 801.353, Occupations Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (d-1) and (g) and amending Subsection (f) to
7 read as follows:

8 (d-1) The privilege provided by this section is waived by
9 the client or the owner of the animal treated by the veterinarian in
10 a proceeding to substantiate and collect on a debt incurred for
11 veterinary services.

12 (f) A veterinarian does not violate this section by
13 providing the name or address of a client, or the rabies vaccination
14 status of a specific client's specific animal, to a public health
15 authority, veterinarian, or physician who requests the identity of
16 the client to obtain information for:

- 17 (1) the verification of a rabies vaccination; [~~or~~]
18 (2) other treatment involving a life-threatening
19 situation; or
20 (3) a public health purpose.

21 (g) A public health authority that receives information
22 under Subsection (f) shall maintain the confidentiality of the
23 information, may not disclose the information under Chapter 552,
24 Government Code, and may not use the information for a purpose that

1 does not directly relate to the protection of public health and
2 safety.

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

ADOPTED

MAY 16 2011

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY 
Secretary of the Senate

1 Amend H.B. 413 (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of
2 the bill, in amended Section 801.353(f), Occupations Code (page 1,
3 line 21), by striking "or physician" and substituting "~~or~~
4 physician, or other licensed health care professional".

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 16, 2011

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB413 by Aycock (Relating to the confidentiality of certain information held by a veterinarian.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to the confidentiality of certain information held by a veterinarian to clarify additional circumstances and purposes for which the confidentiality privilege would be waived. The bill would also clarify confidentiality requirements regarding information obtained from veterinarians for public health purposes.

Based on the analysis of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, it is assumed that responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 578 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

LBB Staff: JOB, SZ, MW, RAN

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Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 27, 2011

TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Affairs

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

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 21, 2011

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

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

IN RE: HB413 by Aycock (Relating to the confidentiality of certain information held by a veterinarian.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 7, 2011

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

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

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