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H.B. No. 1510

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

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

SECTION 1. Section 801.351, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(1), an animal shelter may be considered the caretaker of an animal regardless of whether the shelter owns the animal.

(b) A veterinarian possesses sufficient knowledge of the animal for purposes of Subsection (a)(2) if the veterinarian has recently seen, or is personally acquainted with, the keeping and care of the animal by:

(1) examining the animal; or

(2) making medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises, including an animal shelter, where ~~[on which]~~ the animal is kept.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.