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H.B. No. 2525

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a criminal penalty for failure to handle certain
3 animals in accordance with rules of the Texas Animal Health
4 Commission.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 161.041(c), Agriculture Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (c) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly
9 fails to handle, in accordance with rules adopted by the
10 commission, livestock, exotic livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic
11 fowl:

- 12 (1) infected with a disease listed in Subsection (a);
13 (2) exposed to a disease listed in Subsection (a) if
14 the commission has notified the person that the animal was exposed
15 to the disease; or
16 (3) the movement of which is restricted under rules
17 adopted by the commission.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
19 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
20 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
21 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
22 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
23 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
24 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

1 before that date.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.