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H.B. No. 3569

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to activities conducted in connection with a state or
3 federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 161, Agriculture Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 161.0417 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 161.0417. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR DISEASE CONTROL.

8 (a) A person, including a veterinarian, must be authorized by the
9 commission in order to engage in an activity that is part of a state
10 or federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

11 (b) The commission shall adopt rules for the authorization
12 of a person described by Subsection (a).

13 (c) The commission may, after reasonable notice, suspend or
14 revoke a person's authorization under Subsection (a) if the
15 commission determines that the person has substantially failed to
16 comply with this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

17 (d) A person is entitled to a hearing before the commission
18 or a hearing examiner appointed by the commission before the
19 commission may revoke the person's authorization under Subsection
20 (a). The commission shall make all final decisions to suspend or
21 revoke an authorization.

22 (e) This section does not affect the requirement for a
23 license or an exemption under Chapter 801, Occupations Code, to
24 practice veterinary medicine.

1 SECTION 2. Section 161.0601(a), Agriculture Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (a) The commission by rule may provide for the issuance,
4 including electronically, of a certificate of veterinary
5 inspection by a veterinarian to a person transporting livestock,
6 exotic livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl.

7 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas Animal
8 Health Commission shall adopt rules as required by Section
9 161.0417, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.