

1-1 By: Kleinschmidt (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 3569
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2013;
1-3 May 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Agriculture, Rural Affairs, and Homeland Security; May 20, 2013,
1-5 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0;
1-6 May 20, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to activities conducted in connection with a state or
1-17 federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 161, Agriculture Code, is
1-20 amended by adding Section 161.0417 to read as follows:

1-21 Sec. 161.0417. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR DISEASE CONTROL.

1-22 (a) A person, including a veterinarian, must be authorized by the
1-23 commission in order to engage in an activity that is part of a state
1-24 or federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

1-25 (b) The commission shall adopt rules for the authorization
1-26 of a person described by Subsection (a).

1-27 (c) The commission may, after reasonable notice, suspend or
1-28 revoke a person's authorization under Subsection (a) if the
1-29 commission determines that the person has substantially failed to
1-30 comply with this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

1-31 (d) A person is entitled to a hearing before the commission
1-32 or a hearing examiner appointed by the commission before the
1-33 commission may revoke the person's authorization under Subsection
1-34 (a). The commission shall make all final decisions to suspend or
1-35 revoke an authorization.

1-36 (e) This section does not affect the requirement for a
1-37 license or an exemption under Chapter 801, Occupations Code, to
1-38 practice veterinary medicine.

1-39 SECTION 2. Section 161.0601(a), Agriculture Code, is
1-40 amended to read as follows:

1-41 (a) The commission by rule may provide for the issuance,
1-42 including electronically, of a certificate of veterinary
1-43 inspection by a veterinarian to a person transporting livestock,
1-44 exotic livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl.

1-45 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2013, the Texas Animal
1-46 Health Commission shall adopt rules as required by Section
1-47 161.0417, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act.

1-48 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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