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H.B. No. 3592

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to animal shelters.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 823, Section 823.001, Health & Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec.823.001 DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Animal shelter" means a facility that keeps or legally impounds stray, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted animals.

(2) "Council" means the State Health Services Council.

~~"Board" means the Texas Board of Health.~~

(3) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

(4) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

SECTION 2. Subsection (e) of Sec.823.003, Chapter 823, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The council ~~board~~ may require each person operating an animal shelter to keep records of the date and disposition of animals in its custody, to maintain the records on the business premises of the animal shelter, and to make the records available for inspection at reasonable times.

SECTION 3. 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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.