

By: Watson, Paxton

S.B. No. 360

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to methods used by an animal shelter to euthanize a dog or cat.

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

SECTION 1. Section 821.051, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subdivisions (3) and (4) and adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

(3) "Board" means the executive commissioner [~~Texas Board of Health~~].

(4) "Department" means the [~~Texas~~] Department of State Health Services.

(5) "Executive commissioner" means the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 821.052, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may euthanize a dog or cat in the custody of an animal shelter only by administering sodium pentobarbital [~~or commercially compressed carbon monoxide~~].

SECTION 3. Section 821.054, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 821.054. REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF COMMERCIALY COMPRESSED CARBON MONOXIDE. (a) The executive commissioner [~~board~~] by rule shall establish:

(1) standards for a carbon monoxide chamber used to

1 euthanize an animal to which Section 821.052(b) applies [~~in the~~  
2 ~~custody of an animal shelter~~]; and

3 (2) requirements and procedures for administering  
4 commercially compressed carbon monoxide to euthanize an animal to  
5 which Section 821.052(b) applies [~~in the custody of an animal~~  
6 ~~shelter~~].

7 (b) A person administering commercially compressed carbon  
8 monoxide to euthanize an animal to which Section 821.052(b) applies  
9 [~~in the custody of an animal shelter~~]:

10 (1) may use only a carbon monoxide chamber that meets  
11 the standards established by department [~~board~~] rule; and

12 (2) may administer the commercially compressed carbon  
13 monoxide only in accordance with the requirements and procedures  
14 established by department [~~board~~] rule.

15 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2013, the executive  
16 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
17 adopt rules necessary to conform to Subsection (a), Section  
18 821.052, and Section 821.054, Health and Safety Code, as amended by  
19 this Act.

20 SECTION 5. A person subject to Subsection (a), Section  
21 821.052, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, is not  
22 required to comply with that subsection or any rules adopted under  
23 that subsection until January 1, 2014.

24 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.