

**House Bill 3569**  
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HOUSE VERSION

No equivalent provision.

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SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 161, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0417 to read as follows:  
Sec. 161.0417. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR DISEASE CONTROL. (a) A person, including a veterinarian, must be authorized by the commission in order to

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SECTION \_\_. Section 161.041(c), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

(1) infected with a disease listed in Subsection (a);

(2) exposed, as defined by commission rule, to a disease listed in Subsection (a) if the commission has notified the person that the animal was exposed to the disease; or

(3) subject to a testing requirement due to a risk of exposure, as defined by commission rule, to a specific disease if the commission has notified the person of the testing requirement.

[FA1]

SECTION \_\_. The change in law made by this Act by the amendment of Section 161.041(c), Agriculture Code, applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date. [FA1]

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engage in an activity that is part of a state or federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 2. Same as House version.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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

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