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H.B. No. 2311

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the failure to handle certain animals in accordance  
3 with rules of the Texas Animal Health Commission; imposing a  
4 criminal penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 161.041(c), Agriculture Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

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

- 12 (1) infected with a disease listed in Subsection (a);  
13 (2) exposed to a disease listed in Subsection (a) if  
14 the commission has notified the person that the animal was exposed  
15 to the disease; or  
16 (3) the movement of which is restricted under rules  
17 adopted by the commission.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
19 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
20 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
21 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
22 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
23 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
24 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

1 before that date.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.