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H.B. No. 2805

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the payment of costs for a cruelly treated animal
3 abandoned by a tenant.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 821.023(e), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (e) After a court finds that an animal's owner has cruelly
8 treated the animal, the court shall order the owner to pay all
9 ~~costs~~ costs to the appropriate party, including:

10 (1) the administrative costs of:
11 (A) investigation;
12 (B) expert witnesses; and
13 (C) conducting any public sale ordered by the
14 court; ~~and~~

15 (2) the costs incurred by a municipal or county animal
16 shelter or a nonprofit animal welfare organization in:

17 (A) housing and caring for the animal during its
18 impoundment; and

19 (B) humanely destroying the animal if
20 destruction is ordered by the court; and

21 (3) any costs incurred by a landlord or landowner in
22 housing and caring for an animal unreasonably abandoned by a tenant
23 after the tenant's eviction.

24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to

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1 costs incurred by a landlord or landowner on or after the effective
2 date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.