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H.B. No. 3451

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the study and approval of lethal pesticides for feral
hog control.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 76, Agriculture Code, is
amended by adding Section 76.048 to read as follows:

Sec. 76.048. FERAL HOG TOXICANTS; STUDY REQUIRED. (a)
Notwithstanding any other law, the department may not register,
approve for use, or allow the use of a lethal pesticide, including
warfarin, for feral hog control in this state unless a study under
Subsection (b) recommends the pesticide be registered for that use.

(b) A state agency or institution of higher education may
perform a scientific study of potential feral hog control measures
in this state. The study must:

(1) include controlled field trials;

(2) examine the potential use of warfarin or other
lethal pesticides for feral hog control;

(3) assess the negative impacts to wildlife,
agricultural interests, and property owners of the control measures
included in the study; and

(4) assess the environmental consequences of the
control measures included in the study.

(c) A state agency or institution of higher education shall
publish the findings, recommendations, and results of a study under

1 Subsection (b) in the Texas Register.

2 (d) A state agency or institution of higher education that
3 performs a study under Subsection (b):

4 (1) is subject to Chapter 552, Government Code, in
5 connection with the study; and

6 (2) shall hold public hearings to obtain input from
7 the public and appropriate stakeholders.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.