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H.B. No. 3517

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a petition for a municipal animal control authority to manage dangerous animals in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 822, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 822.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 822.008. PETITION FOR MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY TO OPERATE IN EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. A municipal animal control authority may impound and manage dangerous animals, including dangerous dogs, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality if:

(1) the authority receives a petition signed by at least five residents of the extraterritorial jurisdiction requesting assistance from the authority and alleging that:

(A) dangerous animals, including dogs or coyotes, have repeatedly attacked humans, pets, or livestock within the extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

(B) due to the presence of dangerous animals, the extraterritorial jurisdiction is an unsafe environment for humans, pets, or livestock; and

(2) another animal control authority is not authorized to operate within the extraterritorial jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.