

1-1 By: Taylor of Collin S.B. No. 1620
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 21, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
 1-4 Relations; March 30, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 30, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Lucio	X			
1-8 Bettencourt	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Garcia	X			
1-11 Huffines			X	
1-12 Menéndez			X	
1-13 Taylor of Collin	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the regulation of raising or keeping six or fewer
 1-18 chickens by a political subdivision.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 251, Agriculture Code, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 CHAPTER 251. EFFECT OF NUISANCE ACTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL
 1-23 REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN ~~PREEXISTING~~ AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

1-24 SECTION 2. Chapter 251, Agriculture Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Section 251.007 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 251.007. SIX CHICKENS ALLOWED. (a) Notwithstanding
 1-27 any other law and except as provided by Subsection (b), a political
 1-28 subdivision may not impose a governmental requirement that
 1-29 prohibits an individual from raising or keeping six or fewer
 1-30 chickens in the boundaries of the political subdivision.

1-31 (b) A municipality may impose reasonable governmental
 1-32 requirements on the raising or keeping of poultry in the boundaries
 1-33 of the municipality that do not have the effect of prohibiting the
 1-34 raising or keeping of six or fewer chickens, including:

1-35 (1) a limit on the number of chickens an individual may
 1-36 raise or keep in excess of six;

1-37 (2) a prohibition on breeding poultry;

1-38 (3) a prohibition on raising or keeping roosters; or

1-39 (4) the minimum distance an individual must maintain
 1-40 between a chicken coop and a residential structure.

1-41 (c) A governmental requirement adopted by a political
 1-42 subdivision that violates Subsection (a) is void.

1-43 SECTION 3. Section 251.007, Agriculture Code, as added by
 1-44 this Act, applies to a governmental requirement adopted before, on,
 1-45 or after the effective date of this Act.

1-46 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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