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H.B. No. 3181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain drugs in breeding stock by or on the prescription of a veterinarian.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 801.365 to read as follows:

Sec. 801.365. BREEDING STOCK. (a) In this section, "breeding stock" means an animal intended by its owner or caretaker, with the input of the veterinarian, to be used for selective mating to maintain or enhance desirable genetic traits in future generations and not intended for human or animal consumption. Desirable genetic traits may include, but not limited to, growth rate and yield of products including eggs, milk, or meat.

(b) A veterinarian may administer, prescribe, dispense, or deliver any drug for off-label use in breeding stock.

(c) An owner or caretaker may use a drug described by Subsection (b) in breeding stock in the manner prescribed by a veterinarian.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.