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H.B. No. 4544

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to municipal control of coyotes.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 825, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. CONTROL OF PREDATORY ANIMALS

Sec. 825.051. MUNICIPAL CONTROL OF COYOTES. A municipality with a population density of more than 2,500 persons per square mile may capture, relocate, or euthanize a coyote located within the municipality or the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The municipality may request assistance from Texas Wildlife Services to capture, relocate, or euthanize a coyote.

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.