

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 361
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 16, 2019; February 7, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
 1-4 March 14, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 14, 2019,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 361 By: Campbell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to certain contracts for the transfer of a pet.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Title 99, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Chapter 2005 to read as follows:
 1-25 CHAPTER 2005. CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR TRANSFER OF PETS PROHIBITED
 1-26 Sec. 2005.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
 1-27 (1) "Livestock" has the meaning assigned by Section
 1-28 1.003, Agriculture Code.
 1-29 (2) "Pet" means a domesticated animal, including a cat
 1-30 or dog, that is owned by an individual and kept in or near the
 1-31 household of the individual for the primary purpose of
 1-32 companionship. The term does not include livestock.
 1-33 Sec. 2005.002. CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR TRANSFER OF PET
 1-34 PROHIBITED. (a) A contract for the transfer of a pet or financing
 1-35 for the transfer of a pet may not:
 1-36 (1) make ownership of the pet contingent upon the
 1-37 buyer making payments after the transfer of possession of the pet to
 1-38 the buyer;
 1-39 (2) provide for the lease of a pet with the option to
 1-40 purchase the pet at the end of the lease term; or
 1-41 (3) authorize the use of the pet as collateral that may
 1-42 be repossessed by the seller.
 1-43 (b) This section does not prohibit the purchase of a pet
 1-44 using an unsecured personal loan.
 1-45 Sec. 2005.003. CERTAIN CONTRACTS VOID. A contract entered
 1-46 into in violation of this chapter is void.
 1-47 SECTION 2. Chapter 2005, Business & Commerce Code, as added
 1-48 by this Act, applies only to a contract for the transfer of a pet
 1-49 entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract
 1-50 for the transfer of a pet entered into before the effective date of
 1-51 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the contract is
 1-52 entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that
 1-53 purpose.
 1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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