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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Goldman

1 Amend S.B. No. 703 (house committee report) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and  
3 renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The heading to Title 3, Agriculture Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 TITLE 3. TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM OFFICE:

7 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION

8 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Title 3, Agriculture Code, is amended by  
9 adding Chapter 40 to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 40. ADMINISTRATION OF TITLE

11 Sec. 40.001. DEFINITIONS. Notwithstanding Section 1.003,  
12 in this title:

13 (1) "Commissioner" means the executive director of the  
14 economic development office.

15 (2) "Department" means the economic development  
16 office.

17 (3) "Economic development office" means the Texas  
18 Economic Development and Tourism Office within the office of the  
19 governor.

20 Sec. 40.002. ADMINISTRATION BY TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
21 AND TOURISM OFFICE. Notwithstanding any other law:

22 (1) the economic development office shall administer  
23 this title;

24 (2) the executive director of the economic development  
25 office has the powers and duties assigned by this title to the  
26 commissioner of agriculture; and

27 (3) the economic development office has the powers and  
28 duties assigned by this title to the Department of Agriculture.

29 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) In this section, "economic development

1 office" means the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office  
2 within the office of the governor.

3 (b) The economic development office assumes all of the  
4 obligations, property, rights, powers, and duties of the Department  
5 of Agriculture under Title 3, Agriculture Code, as they exist  
6 immediately before the effective date of this Act. All unexpended  
7 and unobligated funds under the management of the Department of  
8 Agriculture allocated for the purpose of Title 3, Agriculture Code,  
9 are transferred to the general revenue fund for the purpose of the  
10 economic development office administering Title 3, Agriculture  
11 Code.

12 (c) The Department of Agriculture and the economic  
13 development office shall, in consultation with appropriate state  
14 entities, ensure that the transfer of the obligations, property,  
15 rights, powers, and duties of the Department of Agriculture under  
16 Title 3, Agriculture Code, to the economic development office is  
17 completed not later than September 1, 2022.

18 (d) All rules of the Department of Agriculture under Title  
19 3, Agriculture Code, are continued in effect as rules of the  
20 economic development office until superseded by a rule of the  
21 economic development office.