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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners provide a copy of a complaint to the subject of the complaint.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 801.207, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b-1)  Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the board shall provide a copy of each complaint to the license holder who is the subject of the complaint not later than the 14th day before the date any response is due, unless providing a copy of the complaint would jeopardize an investigation. The board may not require the license holder to request a copy of the complaint.

(c)  Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), the [~~The~~] board shall protect the identity of a complainant to the extent possible.

SECTION 2.  Section 801.207, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a complaint filed with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on or after the effective date of this Act. A complaint filed with the board before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the complaint was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.