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H.B. No. 604

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to a microchip scan of animals in the custody of an animal
- 3 shelter or releasing agency, including an animal rescue
- 4 organization.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Chapter 823, Health and Safety Code, is amended
- 7 by adding Section 823.004 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 823.004. MICROCHIP SCAN REQUIRED. As soon as
- 9 practicable after an animal is placed in the custody of an animal
- 10 shelter or a releasing agency as defined by Section 828.001,
- 11 including an animal rescue organization, the shelter, agency, or
- 12 organization shall scan the animal to determine whether a microchip
- 13 <u>is implanted in the animal.</u>
- 14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.