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H.B. No. 604

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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 is implanted in the animal.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.