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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the duration of laboratory support for testing of
- 3 vector-borne infectious diseases in border counties.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 12, Health and Safety
- 6 Code, is amended by adding Section 12.074 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 12.074. YEAR-ROUND LABORATORY TESTING FOR
- 8 $\underline{\text{VECTOR-BORNE}}$ INFECTIOUS DISEASES. The department shall provide
- 9 year-round laboratory support for arboviral testing of
- 10 vector-borne infectious diseases in counties adjacent to this
- 11 state's international border with Mexico.
- 12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.