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H.B. No. 2213

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the slaughter and processing of exotic animals for donation to a nonprofit food bank.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 433.006, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 433.006. EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL USE OR DONATION TO NONPROFIT FOOD BANK [~~EXEMPTION~~].

SECTION 2. Section 433.006(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The provisions of this chapter requiring inspection of the slaughter of livestock and the preparation of carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, and meat food products at establishments conducting those operations do not apply to the slaughtering of livestock or the preparation and transportation in intrastate commerce of those articles if:

(1) the articles are:

(A) livestock exclusively for personal use by the owner of the livestock, a member of the owner's family, or a nonpaying guest of the owner; or

(B) exotic animals exclusively for donation by a hunter to a nonprofit food bank, as defined by Section 418.026(a), Government Code;

(2) the slaughter or preparation is conducted at the

1 owner's premises, premises where the hunter killed the exotic
2 animal, or at a processing establishment; and

3 (3) the transportation is limited to moving the
4 carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, and meat food products to and
5 from:

6 (A) the owner's premises and a processing
7 establishment; or

8 (B) the premises where the hunter killed the
9 exotic animal, the processing establishment, and the nonprofit food
10 bank.

11 SECTION 3. Section 433.024(b), Health and Safety Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (b) The department shall inspect each slaughtering
14 establishment whose primary business is the selling of livestock to
15 be slaughtered by the purchaser on premises owned or operated by the
16 seller. This subsection does not nullify the provisions in Section
17 433.006 relating to exemptions [~~personal use exemption~~].

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.