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H.B. No. 3340

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appeal of certain orders regarding dangerous dogs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 822.042, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) An owner may appeal a justice court's order to humanely destroy a dog to a county court or county court at law in the manner provided by Section 822.0424.

SECTION 2. Section 822.0424(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A party to an appeal under Section 822.042(e-1), 822.0421(d), or a hearing under Section 822.0423 may appeal the decision to a county court or county court at law in the county in which the justice or municipal court is located and is entitled to a jury trial on request.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an order issued by a justice court on or after the effective date of this Act. An order issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was issued and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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