

AN ACT

relating to complaints filed with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

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

SECTION 1. Section 801.207, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), each ~~Each~~ complaint, investigation file and record, and other investigation report and all other investigative information in the possession of or received or gathered by the board or the board's employees or agents relating to a license holder, an application for license, or a criminal investigation or proceeding is privileged and confidential and is not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion for release to anyone other than the board or the board's employees or agents involved in discipline of a license holder.

(b-1) Not later than the 14th day before the date of an informal proceeding under Section 801.408, the board shall provide to the license holder who is the subject of the complaint a copy of the record of any review conducted under Section 801.2055 of a complaint requiring medical expertise. The board shall redact the name of each veterinarian who conducted the review.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), the ~~The~~ board

1 shall protect the identity of a complainant to the extent possible.

2           SECTION 2. Section [801.207](#), Occupations Code, as amended by  
3 this Act, applies only to a complaint filed with the State Board of  
4 Veterinary Medical Examiners on or after the effective date of this  
5 Act. A complaint filed with the board before the effective date of  
6 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the complaint  
7 was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
8 purpose.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3442 was passed by the House on April 23, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3442 on May 24, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3442 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor