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H.B. No. 3921

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain drugs in bovine breeding stock by or on the prescription of a veterinarian.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 801.365 to read as follows:

Sec. 801.365. BREEDING STOCK. (a) In this section, "breeding stock" means a bovine animal intended by its owner or caretaker, with the input of a veterinarian, to be used for selective mating to maintain or enhance desirable genetic traits in future generations and not intended, at the time a drug is administered to the animal as provided by this section, for human or animal consumption. The term does not include a market animal.

(b) A veterinarian may administer, prescribe, dispense, or deliver any drug derived from a naturally occurring hormone in breeding stock. The veterinarian shall determine and prescribe an adequate withdrawal time for the drug.

(c) An owner or caretaker may use a drug described by Subsection (b) in breeding stock in the manner prescribed by a veterinarian.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.