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S.B. No. 276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to notice of an infectious disease occurring in an animal
3 shelter and the quarantine of certain infectious animals at the
4 shelter.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 823.003(c), Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (c) An animal shelter may not confine healthy animals with
9 sick, injured, or diseased animals. An animal shelter shall
10 quarantine an animal with an infectious disease until the animal is
11 no longer infectious.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 823, Health and Safety Code, is amended
13 by adding Section 823.004 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 823.004. REQUIRED NOTICE OF ANIMALS WITH INFECTIOUS
15 DISEASES. (a) An animal shelter shall provide oral or written
16 notice to a person who leaves an animal with the shelter to receive
17 veterinary care of:

18 (1) any animal at the shelter with an infectious
19 disease at the time the person's animal is brought to or picked up
20 from the shelter; and

21 (2) an animal at the shelter diagnosed with an
22 infectious disease during the time the person's animal is under the
23 care of the shelter.

24 (b) An animal shelter shall provide the notice required

1 under Subsection (a)(2) at the time the shelter learns that an
2 animal has been diagnosed with an infectious disease.

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