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S.B. No. 981

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the requirement that the State Board of Veterinary  
3 Medical Examiners provide a copy of a complaint to the subject of  
4 the complaint.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 801.207, Occupations Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the board shall  
9 provide a copy of each complaint to the license holder who is the  
10 subject of the complaint not later than the 14th day after the date  
11 the complaint is filed with the board, unless providing a copy of  
12 the complaint would jeopardize an investigation. The board may not  
13 require the license holder to request a copy of the complaint.

14 SECTION 2. Section 801.207(b-1), Occupations Code, as added  
15 by this Act, applies only to a complaint filed with the State Board  
16 of Veterinary Medical Examiners on or after the effective date of  
17 this Act. A complaint filed with the board before the effective date  
18 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the  
19 complaint was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for  
20 that purpose.

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