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S.B. No. 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to administrative penalties imposed by the Texas Animal
3 Health Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 161.148(a) and (b), Agriculture Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The commission may impose an administrative penalty on
8 [~~against~~] a person who violates this subtitle or a rule or order
9 adopted under this subtitle.

10 (b) The penalty for a violation may be in an amount not to
11 exceed \$5,000 [~~\$1,000~~]. Each day a violation continues or occurs is
12 a separate violation for purposes of imposing a penalty. The amount
13 of the penalty shall not be based on a per head basis.

14 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
15 a violation committed on or after the effective date of this Act. A
16 violation committed before the effective date of this Act is
17 governed by the law in effect when the violation was committed, and
18 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
19 purposes of this section, a violation was committed before the
20 effective date of this Act if any element of the violation occurred
21 before that date.

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