

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 3340

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & CIVIL JURISPRUDENCE

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My law practice is exclusively animal law. I am an adjunct professor teaching animal law at the Texas A&M University School of Law. I commonly handle dangerous dog cases at all levels. This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Texas Health & Safety Code, Ch. 822, Subchapter D, Sec. 822.0424 already provides an appeal for non-compliance hearings (Sec. 822.0423). Further, since the bill provides for an appeal from an order of euthanasia that already exists, it will undoubtedly result in further litigation by argument that by giving the right to appeal euthanasia but not any other result of the order, by implication the intent is that no other order may be appealed. Since this bill serves no useful purpose except to muddy the legal waters, I respectfully ask that the bill not be passed out of committee.