

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3361
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Agriculture & Livestock
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the inconsistency of regulations for slaughterhouses across Texas, such as with respect to certain slaughtering activities that may be subject to county regulation. H.B. 3361 seeks to address this issue by revising the list of persons considered to be a slaughterer and repealing provisions that provide for the county regulation of slaughterers in the unincorporated area of certain counties.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3361 amends the Agriculture Code to remove from the persons considered to be a slaughterer, for purposes of provisions governing the slaughtering of livestock, a person engaged in the business of selling livestock, as a primary business, to be slaughtered by the purchaser on premises owned or operated by the seller, in an applicable county.

H.B. 3361 repeals Subchapter B, Chapter 234, Local Government Code, which provides for the county regulation of slaughterers in the unincorporated area of certain counties.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.