H.B. No. 2947

AN ACT

relating to the definition of agricultural operations.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 251.002(1), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1)  "Agricultural operation" includes the following activities:

(A)  cultivating the soil;

(B)  producing crops for human food, animal feed, planting seed, or fiber;

(C)  floriculture;

(D)  viticulture;

(E)  horticulture;

(F)  silviculture;

(G)  wildlife management;

(H)  raising or keeping livestock or poultry; [~~and~~]

(I)  planting cover crops or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in any governmental program or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure; and

(J) the commercial sale of animals, as defined by Section 252.001 of this code.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2947 was passed by the House on May 12, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2947 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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                  Governor