By:  Cain (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 2947

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023; May 16, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry           X

Hancock         X

Blanco          X

Flores          X

Gutierrez       X

Johnson         X

Kolkhorst       X

Sparks          X

Springer        X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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