By:  Blanco S.B. No. 1523

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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 dismissal of a baseless or unfounded complaint filed with the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter E, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 801.2052 to read as follows:

Sec. 801.2052.  DISMISSAL OF BASELESS OR UNFOUNDED COMPLAINT. (a) If the board determines that a complaint filed with the board is baseless or unfounded, the board shall:

(1)  dismiss the complaint; and

(2)  include a statement in the record of the complaint that the complaint was dismissed because the complaint was baseless or unfounded.

(b)  The board shall adopt rules that establish criteria for determining that a complaint is baseless or unfounded.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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