

1-1 By: Meyer (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 4069
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023;
 1-3 May 16, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the required disclosure of prices by a veterinarian
 1-20 before providing emergency treatment to an ill or injured animal.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 801.3581 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 801.3581. PRICE TRANSPARENCY FOR EMERGENCY CARE. (a)
 1-25 The board shall adopt rules to require a veterinarian to disclose to
 1-26 the owner or other caretaker of an animal the following information
 1-27 before providing emergency treatment to an ill or injured animal:

- 1-28 (1) a description of the proposed treatment; and
- 1-29 (2) the estimated price of the proposed treatment.

1-30 (b) Rules adopted under this section must ensure the
 1-31 veterinarian has a reasonable opportunity to:

- 1-32 (1) assess the animal's condition and develop proposed
- 1-33 options for treatment before providing the information described by
- 1-34 Subsection (a); and
- 1-35 (2) propose additional treatment options and price
- 1-36 estimates based on changes in the animal's medical condition.

1-37 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2023, the State Board
 1-38 of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall adopt rules to implement
 1-39 Section 801.3581, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

1-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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