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H.B. No. 4280

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sale of dogs or cats for a for-profit business.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 802.003(a) and (b), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Section 802.0031, this ~~[This]~~ chapter does not affect the applicability of any other law, rule, order, ordinance, or other legal requirement of the federal government, this state, or a political subdivision of this state.

(b) Except as provided by Section 802.0031, this ~~[This]~~ chapter does not prevent a municipality or county from prohibiting or further regulating by order or ordinance the possession, breeding, or selling of dogs or cats.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 802, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 802.0031 to read as follows:

Sec. 802.0031. SALE OF DOG OR CAT BY FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS; PREEMPTION. A municipality or county may not adopt or enforce an ordinance, order, regulation, or similar measure that prohibits the sale of a dog or cat by a for-profit business otherwise in compliance with state law.

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