

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 1740  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2015;  
 1-3 April 30, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 7, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 7, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock			X	
1-8 Uresti	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Eltife	X			
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 West	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the administration of rabies vaccine under a local  
 1-18 rabies control program.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 826, Health and Safety  
 1-21 Code, is amended by adding Section 826.018 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 826.018. LOCAL RABIES CONTROL PROGRAMS. (a) This  
 1-23 section applies to a veterinarian who:

1-24 (1) is employed by a county or municipality; and

1-25 (2) administers or supervises the administration of  
 1-26 rabies vaccine as part of a local rabies control program  
 1-27 established by a county or municipality under this chapter.

1-28 (b) A veterinarian described by Subsection (a) is not  
 1-29 required to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship  
 1-30 before administering rabies vaccine or supervising the  
 1-31 administration of rabies vaccine.

1-32 (c) To the extent of any conflict between this section and  
 1-33 any other law or rule relating to the administration of rabies  
 1-34 vaccine, this section controls.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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