

Amend SB 762 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Article 42A.511, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 42A.511. COMMUNITY SUPERVISION FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING ANIMALS. (a) If a judge grants community supervision to a defendant convicted of an offense under Section 42.09, 42.091, 42.092, or 42.10, Penal Code, the judge may require the defendant to:

(1) complete an online responsible pet owner course approved and certified by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation; or

(2) attend a responsible pet owner course sponsored by a municipal animal shelter, as defined by Section 823.001, Health and Safety Code, that:

(A) [~~(1)~~] receives federal, state, county, or municipal funds; and

(B) [~~(2)~~] serves the county in which the court is located.

(b) For purposes of the online responsible pet owner course described by Subsection (a)(1), the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation or the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, as appropriate:

(1) is responsible for the approval, certification, and administration of the course and course providers;

(2) may charge fees for:

(A) initial and renewal course certifications;

(B) initial and renewal course provider certifications;

(C) course participant completion certificates;
and

(D) other fees necessary for the administration of the course and course providers;

(3) shall adopt rules regarding the administration of the course and course providers, including rules regarding:

(A) the criteria for course approval and

certification;

(B) the criteria for course provider approval and

certification;

(C) curriculum development;

(D) course length and content;

(E) criteria for a participant to complete the
course; and

(F) a course completion certificate that is
acceptable to a court;

(4) is authorized to monitor and audit the provision
of the course by the course providers; and

(5) may take enforcement actions as appropriate to
enforce this subsection.

SECTION _____. Not later than March 1, 2018, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation or the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, as appropriate, shall adopt rules to implement Article 42A.511, Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by this Act.