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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend S.B. No. 319 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Section 826.042, Health and Safety Code, is
5 amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

6 (f) At the time an owner submits for quarantine an animal
7 described by Subsection (b), the veterinarian or local rabies
8 control authority, as applicable, shall:

9 (1) provide written notification to the animal's owner
10 of the date the animal enters quarantine and the date the animal
11 will be released from quarantine;

12 (2) obtain and retain with the animal's records a
13 written statement signed by the animal's owner and a supervisor
14 employed by the veterinarian or local rabies control authority
15 acknowledging that the information required by Subdivision (1) has
16 been provided to the animal's owner; and

17 (3) provide the animal's owner a copy of the signed
18 written statement obtained under Subdivision (2).

19 (g) A veterinarian or local rabies control authority, as
20 applicable, shall fit each animal quarantined under this section
21 with a yellow collar that is distinct in color from the collars of
22 other animals under the care of the veterinarian or local rabies
23 control authority.

24 SECTION _____. Section 826.043, Health and Safety Code, is
25 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to
26 read as follows:

27 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the [The]
28 veterinarian or local rabies control authority may sell the animal
29 and retain the proceeds or keep, grant, or destroy an animal if the

1 owner or custodian does not take possession of the animal before the
2 fourth day following the final day of the quarantine period.

3 (e) A veterinarian or local rabies control authority may not
4 destroy an animal following the final day of the quarantine period
5 unless the veterinarian or local rabies control authority has:

6 (1) notified the animal's owner of the animal's
7 scheduled destruction; and

8 (2) provided the animal's owner a reasonable
9 opportunity to take possession of the animal after providing the
10 notice required by Subdivision (1).