

1-1 By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 162
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2017;
 1-3 May 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman	X			
1-9 Birdwell			X	
1-10 Burton	X			
1-11 Creighton			X	
1-12 Garcia	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Menéndez	X			
1-15 Perry			X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to conditions of community supervision for defendants
 1-20 convicted of certain criminal offenses involving animals;
 1-21 authorizing fees.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Article 42A.511, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
 1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 Art. 42A.511. COMMUNITY SUPERVISION FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES
 1-26 INVOLVING ANIMALS. (a) If a judge grants community supervision to
 1-27 a defendant convicted of an offense under Section 42.09, 42.091,
 1-28 42.092, or 42.10, Penal Code, the judge may require the defendant
 1-29 to:

1-30 (1) complete an online responsible pet owner course
 1-31 approved and certified by the Texas Department of Licensing and
 1-32 Regulation; or

1-33 (2) attend a responsible pet owner course sponsored by
 1-34 a municipal animal shelter, as defined by Section 823.001, Health
 1-35 and Safety Code, that:

1-36 (A) ~~[(1)]~~ receives federal, state, county, or
 1-37 municipal funds; and

1-38 (B) ~~[(2)]~~ serves the county in which the court is
 1-39 located.

1-40 (b) For purposes of the online responsible pet owner course
 1-41 described by Subsection (a)(1), the Texas Department of Licensing
 1-42 and Regulation or the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation,
 1-43 as appropriate:

1-44 (1) is responsible for the approval, certification,
 1-45 and administration of the course and course providers;

1-46 (2) may charge fees for:

1-47 (A) initial and renewal course certifications;

1-48 (B) initial and renewal course provider
 1-49 certifications;

1-50 (C) course participant completion certificates;
 1-51 and

1-52 (D) other fees necessary for the administration
 1-53 of the course and course providers;

1-54 (3) shall adopt rules regarding the administration of
 1-55 the course and course providers, including rules regarding:

1-56 (A) the criteria for course approval and
 1-57 certification;

1-58 (B) the criteria for course provider approval and
 1-59 certification;

1-60 (C) curriculum development;

1-61 (D) course length and content;

