

1-1 By: González of El Paso, et al. H.B. No. 1958
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Springer)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021;
 1-4 May 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-5 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 13, 2021, reported favorably by
 1-6 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the regulation of livestock export-import processing
 1-21 facilities; creating a criminal offense.

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

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 161, Agriculture Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 161.0445 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 161.0445. REGULATION OF EXPORT-IMPORT PROCESSING
 1-26 FACILITIES. (a) In this section, "export-import facility" means a
 1-27 public or private livestock export-import processing facility that
 1-28 is a land border port in this state with the capacity to receive and
 1-29 hold livestock and livestock products for transportation in
 1-30 international trade. The term includes a department facility
 1-31 authorized by Subchapter B, Chapter 146.

1-32 (b) The owner or person in charge of an export-import
 1-33 facility shall notify the commission not later than 24 hours after
 1-34 an animal received or held at the facility is refused export out of
 1-35 this state or entry into another country.

1-36 (c) The commission may require that an animal held at an
 1-37 export-import facility be tested or treated for a disease or pest if
 1-38 an authorized commission employee considers the test or treatment
 1-39 necessary. The commission may require the testing or treatment be
 1-40 performed before the animal is removed from the export-import
 1-41 facility. This state is not liable for the amount of any fee
 1-42 charged for the testing or treatment.

1-43 (d) The commission may, for disease or pest control
 1-44 purposes, adopt rules necessary to implement, administer, and
 1-45 enforce this section. The rules may include reporting and
 1-46 recordkeeping requirements and provisions governing the movement,
 1-47 inspection, testing, or treatment of animals.

1-48 (e) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly
 1-49 moves an animal in violation of a rule adopted under this section.

1-50 (f) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor,
 1-51 except that the offense is a Class B misdemeanor if it is shown on
 1-52 the trial of the offense that the defendant has been previously
 1-53 convicted under this section.

1-54 SECTION 2. Section 161.0445(b), Agriculture Code, as added
 1-55 by this Act, applies to an owner or person in charge of an
 1-56 export-import facility beginning on the 30th day after the
 1-57 effective date of this Act or on a later date provided by an order
 1-58 issued by the executive director of the Texas Animal Health
 1-59 Commission.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-61 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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