

1-1 By: Rogers (Senate Sponsor - Springer) H.B. No. 3856  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;  
 1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,  
 1-4 Agriculture, & Rural Affairs; May 14, 2021, reported favorably by  
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 14, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to administrative penalties imposed by the Texas Animal  
 1-20 Health Commission.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 161.148(a) and (b), Agriculture Code,  
 1-23 are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The commission may impose an administrative penalty on  
 1-25 ~~against~~ a person who violates this subtitle or a rule or order  
 1-26 adopted under this subtitle.

1-27 (b) The penalty for a violation may be in an amount not to  
 1-28 exceed \$5,000 [~~\$1,000~~]. Each day a violation continues or occurs is  
 1-29 a separate violation for purposes of imposing a penalty. The amount  
 1-30 of the penalty shall not be based on a per head basis.

1-31 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-32 a violation committed on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
 1-33 violation committed before the effective date of this Act is  
 1-34 governed by the law in effect when the violation was committed, and  
 1-35 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
 1-36 purposes of this section, a violation was committed before the  
 1-37 effective date of this Act if any element of the violation occurred  
 1-38 before that date.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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