

CHAPTER 794

H.B. No. 1226

AN ACT

relating to exemptions from dog and cat sterilization requirements for animal pounds, shelters, and humane organizations in certain counties or municipalities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 828.013, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 828.013. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

- (1) a dog or cat that is claimed from a releasing agency by a person who already owns the animal;
- (2) a releasing agency located in a municipality that has in effect an ordinance providing standards for dog and cat sterilization that exceed the requirements provided by this chapter;
- (3) an institution of higher education that purchases or otherwise procures a dog or cat for the purpose of biomedical research, testing, or teaching; or
- (4) a releasing agency located in:
 - (A) a county [~~municipality~~] with a population of 20,000 [~~25,000~~] or less; or
 - (B) a municipality with a population of 10,000 or less.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 4, 1993: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 1993.

Effective June 18, 1993.