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H.B. No. 162

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to conditions of community supervision for defendants convicted of certain criminal offenses involving animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Not later than the 120th day after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall approve at least one online responsible pet owner course for the purposes of Article 42A.511, Code of Criminal Procedure, as

1 amended by this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.