

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2471
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to recognize on a state level the critical role that veterinary technicians play in preserving the health and welfare of animals in Texas. C.S.H.B. 2471 seeks to provide this recognition by designating the week that includes the third Saturday in October as Veterinary Technician Week.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2471 amends the Government Code to designate the week that includes the third Saturday in October as Veterinary Technician Week in recognition of the critical role veterinary technicians play in the day-to-day functions of veterinary practices and for their vital role in preserving animal health and welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2471 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute changes the week designated as Veterinary Technician Week from the third full week in October to the week that includes the third Saturday in October.