PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-2134

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

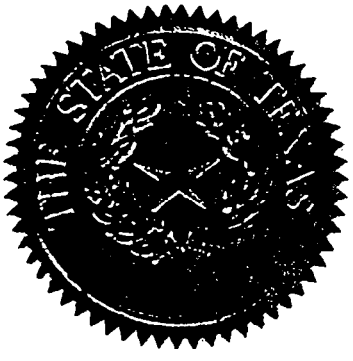
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby veto House Bill 746 because of the following objections:

> This bill is apparently intended to address concerns about inhumane treatment of animals in riding stables in certain urban areas. However, it requires *all* riding stables throughout the state to be licensed by the Department of Health. I am not persuaded that this is a problem of sufficient statewide magnitude to warrant legislation of this breadth. Moreover, Texas criminal statutes are already available to punish and deter inhumane treatment of animals. *See, e.g.*, Tex. Penal Code §42.11. If properly enforced, these laws should be adequate to address most of the concerns that are at the heart of this bill.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this action and notify the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 11th day of June, 1987.

W. P. Clements, Jr.
William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas



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