

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law allows for an annual dog registration fee of \$1 to be paid to a county. However, the state comptroller has found that counties actually charge anywhere from \$1 up to \$15 per dog per year. For those counties that charge \$1, this fee does not always provide enough revenue to cover the cost of the registration services. Also, some counties have different registration fees based on if the dog is neutered or not and offer a discount to dog owners over the age of 65. H.B. 1863 authorizes a county commissioners court to set the registration fee for dogs in an amount of more than \$1 but not to exceed \$5.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 822.028, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

Sec. 822.028. REGISTRATION FEE. Authorizes the commissioners court of a county to set the registration fee for dogs in an amount of more than \$1 but not more than \$5, and provides that if the court sets the amount of the fee the dog owner is required to pay that amount. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage September 1, 2001.