

2009 Texas Legislative Session – Bill Tracking

Below are bills related to agriculture, eminent domain, and animals that have been filed this session that may be of interest to FARFA members. We have highlighted ones that may be of particular importance to our members. The status of each bill is reflected as of March 30, 2009. You can find out more about any bill by going to <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx> and typing the bill number (e.g. "HB1840") into the box

Agriculture-Related Bills

HB 205 Author: Aycok

Last Action 03/27/2009 H Committee report printed and distributed: Mar 27 2009 10:07PM

Caption Version: House Committee Report

Caption: Relating to the applicability of certain city requirements affecting the restraint of certain dogs on annexed or otherwise acquired property used for agricultural operations.

HB 482 Author: Rodriguez

Last Action 03/27/2009 H Committee report printed and distributed: Mar 27 2009 10:07PM

Caption Version: House Committee Report

Caption: Relating to programs to increase the availability of fresh produce to, and the purchase and consumption of fresh produce by, certain low-income individuals.

HB 568 Author: Miller, Sid

Last Action 03/24/2009 H Left pending in committee

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the slaughter and processing of livestock for use by certain child-care facilities.

HB 681 Author: Farrar | et al.

Last Action 03/24/2009 H Reported favorably as substituted

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to requiring warning signs regarding mercury levels in certain fish.

HB 1580 Author: Flynn | et al.

Last Action 03/27/2009 H Committee report printed and distributed: Mar 27 2009 10:10PM

Caption Version: House Committee Report

Caption: Relating to the continuation and functions of the board of directors of the official cotton growers' boll weevil eradication foundation.

HB 1751 Author: Leibowitz

Last Action 03/03/2009 H Referred to Ways & Means

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a renewable energy device, structure, facility, or system installed or constructed on residential property, land designated for agricultural use, or open-space land devoted to farm or ranch purposes for the generation of energy for use in connection with the property.

HB 1840 Author: Kleinschmidt

Last Action 03/24/2009 H Left pending in committee

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the establishment of an interagency farm-to-school coordination task force.

HB 1881 Author: Miller, Sid | et al.

Last Action 03/24/2009 H Reported favorably as substituted

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the creation of the Texas Equine Incentive Program.

HB 1908 Author: King, Tracy O.

Last Action 03/26/2009 H Reported favorably w/o amendment(s)

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and vegetables produced in this state.

HB 2016 Author: Villarreal
Last Action 03/09/2009 H Referred to Agriculture & Livestock
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of the use of land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural land.

HB 2150 Author: Kleinschmidt
Last Action 03/09/2009 H Referred to Ways & Means
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the eligibility of land for ad valorem tax appraisal as qualified open-space land.

HB 2230 Author: Parker
Last Action 03/09/2009 H Referred to Ways & Means
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to liability for interest if land designated for agricultural use for ad valorem tax purposes is sold or diverted to a nonagricultural use.

HB 2292 Author: Gattis
Last Action 03/09/2009 H Referred to Ways & Means
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of certain changes in the use of open-space land appraised as agricultural land.

HB 2527 Author: Aycock
Last Action 03/31/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of commercial fertilizer.

HB 2582 Author: Gonzalez Toureilles
Last Action 03/25/2009 H Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the production of renewable diesel fuel.

HB 2872 Author: Chisum
Last Action 03/25/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the establishment by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board of a carbon dioxide sequestration or emissions offset program.

HB 3144 Author: Gonzalez Toureilles
Last Action 03/18/2009 H Referred to Ways & Means
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for parts for certain machinery and equipment used in agricultural operations.

HB 3271 Author: Howard, Donna
Last Action 03/18/2009 H Referred to Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the Texas Partnership for Children in Nature.

HB 3322 Author: Kleinschmidt | et al.
Last Action 03/18/2009 H Referred to Agriculture & Livestock
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to participation in an animal identification system.

HB 3330 Author: Aycock
Last Action 03/31/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to elk participating in a disease surveillance program.

HB 4175 Author: Bolton

Last Action 03/24/2009 H Referred to Land & Resource Management

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to authorizing certain counties to adopt buffer zone regulations and comprehensive land development plans; providing penalties.

HJR 72 Author: Leibowitz

Last Action 03/09/2009 H Referred to Ways & Means

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a renewable energy device, structure, facility, or system installed or constructed on residential property, land designated for agricultural use, or open-space land devoted to farm or ranch purposes for the generation of energy for use in connection with the property.

SB 36 Author: Zaffirini

Last Action 02/10/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the program to educate cattle producers about trichomoniasis.

SB 205 Author: Shapleigh

Last Action 03/23/2009 S Left pending in committee

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the Texas Partnership for Children in Nature.

SB 343 Author: Nelson | et al.

Last Action 03/19/2009 H Received from the Senate

Caption Version: Engrossed

Caption: Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to study the retail availability of healthy foods in certain underserved areas of this state.

SB 344 Author: Nelson

Last Action 03/23/2009 S Considered in public hearing

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the establishment of an advisory committee to study the acceptance at farmers markets of food stamps and benefits under the women, infants, and children supplemental food program.

SB 578 Author: Wentworth

Last Action 02/23/2009 S Referred to Intergovernmental Relations

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the authority of a county to regulate land development after a local option election.

SB 678 Author: Shapleigh

Last Action 02/23/2009 S Referred to Finance

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as open-space land if a change of use of the land occurs.

SB 682 Author: Eltife

Last Action 03/23/2009 S Left pending in committee

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to participation in an animal identification system.

SB 1004 Author: Hegar

Last Action 03/18/2009 S Committee report printed and distributed: Mar 18 2009 11:28AM

Caption Version: Senate Committee Report

Caption: Relating to the continuation and functions of the board of directors of the official cotton growers' boll weevil eradication foundation.

SB 1027 Author: Watson
Last Action 03/23/2009 S Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the establishment of an interagency farm-to-school coordination task force.

SB 1088 Author: Shapleigh
Last Action 03/13/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the use of food stamp benefits at farmers markets.

SB 1089 Author: Shapleigh
Last Action 03/13/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to farm-to-school initiatives.

SB 1214 Author: Deuell
Last Action 03/13/2009 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to consumption advisories for mercury contamination in fish, crustaceans, molluscan shellfish, and other aquatic and terrestrial animals.

SB 1309 Author: Hegar
Last Action 03/17/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of commercial fertilizer.

SB 1501 Author: West
Last Action 03/17/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the eligibility of nonprofit organizations that partner with certain schools to receive grants for agricultural projects.

SB 1693 Author: Ogden
Last Action 03/20/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of poultry facilities and poultry litter.

SB 1806 Author: Zaffirini
Last Action 03/20/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to liens for certain veterinary care charges for large animals.

SB 1901 Author: Hinojosa
Last Action 03/24/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and vegetables produced in this state.

Eminent Domain Bills

HB 4 Author: Orr | et al.
Last Action 03/25/2009 H Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to eminent domain, including certain limitations, procedures, and standards relating to the use of eminent domain.

HB 1483 Author: Pitts | et al.
Last Action 03/25/2009 H Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.

SB 18 Author: Estes | et al. (companion bill to HB 1483)
Last Action 3/30/2009 Scheduled for public hearing on ...
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.

SB 533 Author: Duncan (companion bill to HB 4)
Last Action 03/30/2009 Scheduled for public hearing on ...
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to eminent domain, including certain limitations, procedures, and standards relating to the use of eminent domain.

Animal-Related Bills

HB 378 Author: Miller, Sid
Last Action 03/31/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on ...
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to non-veterinary horse dentistry.

HB 458 Author: Leibowitz
Last Action 03/16/2009 H Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to limitations on the number of dogs at a residence in certain counties.

HB 836 Author: Miller, Sid | et al.
Last Action 03/17/2009 H Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to sport hunting of feral hogs by helicopter.

HB 895 Author: Orr
Last Action 03/03/2009 H Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the time in which a person must abate an animal carcass nuisance.

HB 925 Author: Dutton
Last Action 02/23/2009 H Referred to State Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the handling of or caring for a pit bull breed of dog by certain minors; providing penalties.

HB 1046 Author: Homer | et al.
Last Action 03/16/2009 H Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the appeals process in the disposition of cruelly treated animals.

HB 1147 Author: Frost
Last Action 03/30/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on ...
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to conduct constituting the offense of dog fighting and to the criminal and civil consequences of committing that offense.

HB 1320 Author: Christian | et al.
Last Action 03/25/2009 H Reported favorably w/o amendment(s)
Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the creation of offenses relating to cockfighting and to the forfeiture of cockfighting equipment.

HB 1395 Author: Farrar

Last Action 03/04/2009 H Referred directly to subcommittee by chair

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the offenses of cruelty to livestock animals and cruelty to nonlivestock animals.

HB 1472 Author: Jones

Last Action 03/04/2009 H Referred directly to subcommittee by chair

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the offense of cruelty to nonlivestock animals.

HB 1684 Author: Brown, Betty | et al.

Last Action 03/24/2009 H Reported favorably as substituted

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the creation and administration of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program.

HB 1704 Author: Laubenberg | et al.

Last Action 03/04/2009 H Referred directly to subcommittee by chair

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the punishment of the offense of cruelty to animals.

HB 1865 Author: Kolkhorst

Last Action 03/30/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the penalties for theft of cattle, horses, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, sheep, swine, or goats.

HB 1982 Author: Martinez Fischer

Last Action 03/05/2009 H Referred to County Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the regulation of dangerous and vicious dogs; providing penalties.

HB 2001 Author: McCall

Last Action 03/09/2009 H Referred to County Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog.

HB 2528 Author: Aycock

Last Action 03/31/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the requirements for obtaining a veterinarian's special license.

HB 2732 Author: Eissler | et al.

Last Action 03/23/2009 H Left pending in committee

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the regulation of barking dogs by certain counties as a nuisance.

HB 3079 Author: Hughes

Last Action 03/17/2009 H Referred to Culture, Recreation & Tourism

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the sale or purchase of certain game.

HB 3180 Author: Thompson

Last Action 04/01/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the licensing and regulation of commercial dog and cat breeders and the regulation of dog and cat dealers; providing penalties.

HB 3380 Author: Miller, Doug
Last Action 03/18/2009 H Referred to County Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the barking of dogs in unincorporated areas of a county.

HB 3713 Author: Bolton
Last Action 03/19/2009 H Referred to County Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the possession or distribution of certain controlled substances by certain persons for purposes of a humane society or animal control agency.

HB 4006 Author: Hardcastle
Last Action 03/31/2009 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to veterinarian reports of diseased animals.

HB 4277 Author: Menendez
Last Action 03/24/2009 H Referred to State Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the sterilization of dogs and cats; providing a penalty.

SB 36 Author: Zaffirini
Last Action 02/10/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the program to educate cattle producers about trichomoniasis.

SB 554 Author: Whitmire
Last Action 03/19/2009 S Committee report printed and distributed: Mar 19 2009 1:45PM
Caption Version: Senate Committee Report
Caption: Relating to conduct constituting the offense of dog fighting and to the criminal and civil consequences of committing that offense.

SB 634 Author: Seliger
Last Action 02/23/2009 S Referred to Criminal Justice
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog.

SB 1163 Author: Seliger
Last Action 03/23/2009 S Left pending in committee
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the penalties for theft of cattle, horses, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, sheep, swine, or goats.

SB 1667 Author: Estes
Last Action 03/30/2009 S Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the creation and administration of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program.

SB 1693 Author: Ogden
Last Action 03/20/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of poultry facilities and poultry litter.

SB 1840 Author: Uresti
Last Action 03/20/2009 S Referred to Criminal Justice
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to inclusion of pets and other companion animals in protective orders; providing a penalty.

SB 1845 Author: Van de Putte

Last Action 03/20/2009 S Referred to State Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the sterilization of dogs and cats; providing a penalty.

SB 1871 Author: Hegar

Last Action 03/24/2009 S Referred to Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the management of volunteer and other noncommercial cotton in pest management zones and the official cotton growers' boll weevil eradication program.

SB 1910 Author: Whitmire

Last Action 03/24/2009 S Referred to State Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the licensing and regulation of commercial dog and cat breeders and the regulation of dog and cat dealers; providing penalties.

SB 2172 Author: Harris

Last Action 03/13/2009 S Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to proof of title to breeding deer for certain purposes of deer breeding operations.

SB 2282 Author: Ellis

Last Action 03/13/2009 S Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to creating an offense for engaging in certain conduct relating to cockfighting and to the criminal and civil consequences of committing that offense.