



HB 2116 by Coleman

This bill is fundamentally flawed and can't be fixed with amendments!

**This is a “Pet Elimination Bill” to regulate dog and cat breeders;
being promoted by animal “rights” groups nationwide:
HSUS, ASPCA, PETA and locally by Texas Humane Legislation Network (THLN).**

This is a “blank check” to stop all breeding of dogs and cats in Texas. It’s not their “goal;” it’s their starting point. No Breeding = No Pets = No Vets = No Pet Supplies!

***“A Puppymill is a facility where dogs are bred and sold that is in violation of the state Animal Cruelty Statute which sets the basic standards of care for all animals.”
It is not true that there are no regulations in Texas!***

- **HB 2116 is a stripped down skeleton of Rep. Senfronia Thompson’s HSUS bill HB 1451. It’s true to the “Get Anything Passed and Come Back Later” Mantra of HSUS and Texas Humane Legislative Network. See our brochure: http://www.rpoatexasoutreach.org/Brochurs_Flyers/Flyer-PMQuotes-HSUS_THLN.pdf**
- **The bill gives ONE PERSON, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, all authority to adopt standards for care and confinement by August 31, 2012. No regulations are included in the bill.**
- **Another “blank check” section adds a new number (10) to the Animal Cruelty Statute with all violations of these undefined regulations in HB 2116 to automatically be included in the Statute. That means the Animal Cruelty Statute is being amended secretly without proper notification and a public hearing.**
- **This is an unfunded mandate at a time when state and municipal governments face budget deficits and are cutting social programs with teachers losing jobs.**
- **If this bill is truly concerned with standards for animal “welfare” of dogs and cats in Texas, why does it only address dog and cat breeders? It should require the same “standards” from animal shelters, animal control facilities, veterinarians, rescuers, PetSmart, PetCo, pet stores, boarding and grooming kennels.**
- **Defines a “Commercial Breeder” as anyone owning more than 10 Intact Female Dogs. USDA already regulates commercial dog breeders that sell to pet stores.**
- **NOT TRUE that the bill doesn’t regulate hunting dogs and show/hobby breeders! It regulates all dogs and cats in Texas.**