## **PROCLAMATION**

**BY THE** 

## Governor of the State of Texas

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1099 as passed by the Eighty-Sixth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill 1099 would allow the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to hire peace officers to investigate violations of the Veterinary Licensing Act. Legislation was passed last session to help the Board develop an effective way to inspect and monitor the potential diversion of controlled substances at veterinarians' offices, and to consistently implement its enforcement procedures. The Board should use its existing tools instead of creating more state-commissioned peace officers and seeking out new tasks related to supervising those officers.

Since the Eighty-Sixth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2019.

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GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

JOE ESPARZA

Deputy Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE O'CLOCK

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