(3) Section 487.030;
(4) Section 487.031;
(5) Section 487.032;
(6) Section 487.053;
(7) Section 487.054;
(8) Section 487.0541;
(9) Section 487.056;
(10) Section 487.057;
(11) Section 487.059;
(12) Section 487.552;
(13) Section 487.608; and
(14) Section 487.653.

SECTION 45. On the effective date of this Act, the following are abolished:
(1) the interagency work group under Section 487.0541, Government Code;
(2) the advisory panel under Section 487.552, Government Code; and
(3) the rural physician relief advisory committee under Section 487.608, Government Code.

SECTION 46. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 3, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 9, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 24, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 149

H.B. No. 1521

AN ACT

relating to the slaughter of certain domestic or exotic fowl infected with or exposed to disease and compensation of owners of fowl infected with or exposed to disease.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 161.0415, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0415. DISPOSAL OF DISEASED OR EXPOSED LIVESTOCK OR FOWL.

SECTION 2. Sections 161.0415(a) and (b), Agriculture Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission by order may require the slaughter of livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl, under the direction of the commission, or the sale of livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl for immediate slaughter at a public slaughtering establishment maintaining federal or state inspection if the livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl is exposed to or infected with a disease other than bluetongue or vesicular stomatitis that:

(1) is recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture as a foreign animal disease;
(2) is the subject of a cooperative eradication program with the United States Department of Agriculture;
(3) is named on "List A" of the Office International Des Epizooties; or
(4) is the subject of a state of emergency, as declared by the governor.

(b) The commission by order may require the slaughter and disposal of livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl exposed to or infected with a disease not listed in Subsection (a) if the
commission determines that action to be necessary for the protection of animal health in this state. The commission shall immediately deliver a copy of an order issued under this subsection to the appropriate legislative oversight committees.

SECTION 3. The heading to Section 161.058, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 161.058. COMPENSATION OF LIVESTOCK OR FOWL OWNER.

SECTION 4. Sections 161.058(a) and (c), Agriculture Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission may pay an indemnity to the owner of livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl exposed to or infected with a disease if the commission considers it necessary to eradicate the disease and to dispose of the exposed or diseased livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl. The commission shall provide the owner with information regarding available state or federal indemnity funds.

(c) The commission may spend funds appropriated for the purpose of this section only for direct payment to owners of exposed or infected livestock, domestic fowl, or exotic fowl.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 9, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 24, 2013.

Effective May 24, 2013.

CHAPTER 150

H.B. No. 1685

AN ACT

relating to the continuation of the self-directed and semi-independent status of the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, and the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act (Article 8930, Revised Statutes) is transferred to Subtitle E, Title 4, Government Code, redesignated as Chapter 472, Government Code, and amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 472 [Art. 8930]. SELF-DIRECTED SEMI-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS [AGENCY PROJECT ACT.

[Sec. 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known as the Self-Directed Semi-Independent Agency Project Act.]

Sec. 472.001. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter applies to [2—AGENCY PARTICIPATION. The following agencies shall be part of the pilot project created by this Act]:

(1) the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy;
(2) the Texas Board of Professional Engineers; and
(3) the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners.

Sec. 472.002 [3]. DEFINITION. In this chapter [Act], “[project] agency” means an agency listed in Section 472.001 [2 of this Act].