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Text for the codes included in this manual is available online; refer to the sites listed below for an official copy of a state law for use in a court case or for a law in its entirety:

**Statutes** are located at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/>.

**Texas Administrative Codes** are located at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/>

Occupations Code, Chapter 802, Dog or Cat Breeders, was added during the 82nd legislative session (HB 1451) and was effective as of June 17, 2011. This statute, which contains information about licensure of dog or cat breeders as defined in Chapter 802 and designation of third-party inspectors, and its associated rule (Texas Administrative Code, Title 16, Part 4, Chapter 91, Dog or Cat Breeders Program) can be accessed at the sites listed above or by contacting the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/>.

\* Please note that during the 78<sup>th</sup> (2003) legislative session, House Bill 2292 amended Chapter 531 of the Government Code to include a name change of the Texas Department of Health to the Department of State Health Services. Texas laws are undergoing an extended transition period; therefore, some laws still refer to terminology used under the purview of the Texas Department of Health.