

WHAT THE SAFE OUTDOOR DOGS ACT DOES

In 2021, the Texas Legislature passed SB 5 - the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act - to protect unattended dogs restrained outdoors.

HOW SB 5 PROTECTS DOGS AND IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Defines adequate shelter** to protect dogs from exposure to extreme temperatures, standing water and ensures the dog can stand, turn around, and lie down.
- Requires access to drinkable water.
- Prohibits the use of chain restraints which cause pain and injuries.
- Strikes the 24-hour waiting period so animal services and law enforcement can take immediate action for dogs in distress.

KEY EXEMPTIONS:







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