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H.B. No. 3688

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the confidentiality of the identity of certain  
3 landowners who participate in a State Soil and Water Conservation  
4 Board program to manage or eradicate an invasive species.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 201, Agriculture Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 201.007 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 201.007. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PARTICIPANTS IN INVASIVE  
9 SPECIES ERADICATION PROGRAMS. (a) Except as provided by  
10 Subsection (b), information written, produced, collected,  
11 assembled, or maintained by the state board that would identify a  
12 landowner who participates in a state board program to manage or  
13 eradicate an invasive species is confidential and not subject to  
14 disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

15 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to the disclosure of the  
16 identity of a person who receives a direct payment of state money  
17 under a contract with the state board to manage or eradicate an  
18 invasive species.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.