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H.B. No. 3130

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the protection of certain occupational licensing  
3 information regarding clients of family violence shelter centers,  
4 victims of trafficking shelter centers, and sexual assault programs  
5 and survivors of family violence, domestic violence, and sexual  
6 assault.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 552.138(a), Government Code, is amended  
9 by adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

10 (1-a) "License" means a license, certificate,  
11 registration, permit, or other authorization that:

12 (A) is issued by a governmental body; and

13 (B) a person must obtain to practice or engage in  
14 a particular business, occupation, or profession.

15 SECTION 2. Section 552.138, Government Code, is amended by  
16 adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

17 (f) Notwithstanding any other law, a governmental body may  
18 not sell or otherwise release the name, home or business address,  
19 place of employment, telephone number, electronic mail address,  
20 social security number, date of birth, driver's license or state  
21 identification number, passport number, emergency contact  
22 information, or numeric identifier of a person who:

23 (1) holds, previously held, or is an applicant for a  
24 license issued by the governmental body; and

1           (2) notifies the governmental body on a form provided  
2 by the office of the attorney general or the governmental body that  
3 the person:

4           (A) is a current or former client of a family  
5 violence shelter center, victims of trafficking shelter center, or  
6 sexual assault program or is a survivor of family violence,  
7 domestic violence, or sexual assault; and

8           (B) chooses to restrict public access to the  
9 information.

10          (g) A governmental body may redact information described by  
11 Subsection (f) from a response to a request for a list or directory  
12 of license holders, former license holders, or license applicants  
13 without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney  
14 general under Subchapter G.

15          SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
16 of this Act, the office of the attorney general shall prepare the  
17 form described by Section 552.138(f)(2), Government Code, as added  
18 by this Act, make the form available on the attorney general's  
19 website, and notify family violence shelter centers, victims of  
20 trafficking shelter centers, and sexual assault programs of the  
21 availability and purpose of the form.

22          SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.