

AN ACT

relating to the protection of certain occupational licensing information regarding clients of family violence shelter centers, victims of trafficking shelter centers, and sexual assault programs and survivors of family violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

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

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

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

(A) is issued by a governmental body; and

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

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

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

(1) holds, previously held, or is an applicant for a 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3130 was passed by the House on May 9, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 121, Nays 18, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3130 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor