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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
5 programs.

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

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

9 (1-a) "License" means a license, certificate,
10 registration, permit, or other authorization that:

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

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

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

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

22 (1) is a current or former client of a family violence
23 shelter center, victims of trafficking shelter center, or sexual
24 assault program;

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

3 (3) notifies the governmental body in writing of the
4 person's choice to restrict public access to the information on a
5 form provided by the office of the attorney general or the
6 governmental body.

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

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

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