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H.B. No. 1166

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the on-line information needs and requirements of
3 licensing agencies and their license holders.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 2054, Government Code, as
6 added by Chapter 353, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular
7 Session, 2001, is amended by adding Sections 2054.255 and 2054.256
8 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 2054.255. CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND OTHER INFORMATION.

10 (a) The system adopted under Section 2054.253, as added by Chapter
11 353, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, must
12 allow a person regulated by one or more licensing authorities to
13 file a single change of address on-line with the department. The
14 department shall provide the new address to each appropriate
15 licensing authority.

16 (b) The department may expand the system to include
17 additional categories of updated information that license holders
18 may need to provide to more than one licensing authority.

19 (c) If the department uses TexasOnline to implement the
20 system, the department may recover costs incurred under this
21 section as provided by Section 2054.252, as added by Chapter 342,
22 Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

23 Sec. 2054.256. SHARING OF INFORMATION. (a) Each licensing
24 authority shall electronically share information regarding license

1 holders, especially information regarding disciplinary
2 information, with other licensing authorities to the extent it is
3 feasible to do so and allowed by other law, under appropriate
4 controls for the privacy, security, accuracy, and, when applicable,
5 confidentiality of the information.

6 (b) A licensing authority may only use information it
7 receives electronically under this section for regulatory
8 purposes.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.