

AN ACT

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

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

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

Sec. 2054.255. CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND OTHER INFORMATION.

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

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

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

Sec. 2054.256. SHARING OF INFORMATION. (a) Each licensing 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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1166 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1166 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor