

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 1574  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, people are protected in the Penal Code from someone collecting certain information about them and using it to harm or defraud. C.S.H.B. 1574 would place a deceased person under that same protection. The bill also makes it a crime to obtain any of the identifying information listed under Section 32.51(a)(1), instead of a combination of the information currently listed.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 1574 makes it a third degree felony offense to obtain, possess, transfer, or use identifying information, with the intent to harm or defraud, about a deceased natural person, including a stillborn infant or fetus. The bill also makes it a crime to obtain any of the identifying information listed under Section 32.51(a)(1), instead of a combination of the information currently listed.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2005.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

The substitute differs from the original to make it a crime to obtain any of the identifying information listed under Section 32.51(a)(1), instead of a combination of the information currently listed.