

AN ACT

relating to disclosure by the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice of the identifying information of victims of sex offenses who are confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the department.

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

SECTION 1. Article 57.02, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) This article does not prohibit the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from disclosing a victim's identifying information to an employee of the department if the victim is an inmate or state jail defendant confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the department.

SECTION 2. Article 57.03, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) It is an exception to the application of this article that:

(1) the person who discloses the name, address, or telephone number of a victim is the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

(2) the victim is an inmate or state jail defendant confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; and

(3) the person to whom the disclosure is made is an

1 employee of the department.

2           SECTION 3. Article 57.03(c-1), Code of Criminal Procedure,  
3 as added by this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or  
4 after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before  
5 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when  
6 the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect  
7 for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was  
8 committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of  
9 the offense was committed before that date.

10           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 433 was passed by the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 433 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

Date

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Governor