1-1 By: Madden (Senate Sponsor - Seliger)
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2007;
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1-4 Justice; May 16, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 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.

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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 employee of the department.

SECTION 3. Article 57.03(c-1), Code of Criminal Procedure,

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

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