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H.B. No. 1237

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain information of a person
licensed to practice law held by the State Bar of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 552.1176 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.1176. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION
MAINTAINED BY STATE BAR. (a) Information that relates to the home
address, home telephone number, electronic mail address, social
security number, or date of birth of a person licensed to practice
law in this state that is maintained under Chapter 81 is
confidential and may not be disclosed to the public under this
chapter if the person to whom the information relates:

(1) chooses to restrict public access to the
information; and

(2) notifies the State Bar of Texas of the person's
choice, in writing or electronically, on a form provided by the
state bar.

(b) A choice made under Subsection (a) remains valid until
rescinded in writing or electronically by the person.

(c) All documents filed with a county clerk and all
documents filed with a district clerk are exempt from this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.