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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 governmental bodies.

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 OF
PERSON LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW. (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 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 governmental body of the person's
choice, in writing or electronically, on a form provided by the
governmental body.

(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rescinded in writing or electronically by the person.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.