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S.B. No. 699

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of only parts of driver's license and social security numbers in certain court documents.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 30, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 30.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 30.014. PLEADINGS MUST CONTAIN PARTIAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION. (a) In a civil action filed in a district court, county court, statutory county court, or statutory probate court, each party or the party's attorney shall include in its initial pleading:

(1) the last two numbers of the party's driver's license number; and

(2) the last four numbers of the party's social security number.

(b) A court may, on its own motion or the motion of a party, order that an initial pleading be amended to contain the information listed under Subsection (a) if the court determines that the pleading does not contain that information. A court may find a party in contempt if the party does not amend the pleading as ordered by the court under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 52.003, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An abstract of a judgment must show:

- 1           (1) the names of the plaintiff and defendant;
- 2           (2) the birthdate [~~and driver's license number~~] of the
- 3 defendant, if available to the clerk or justice;
- 4           (3) the last two numbers of the driver's license of the
- 5 defendant, if available;
- 6           (4) the last four numbers of the social security
- 7 number of the defendant, if available;
- 8           (5) the number of the suit in which the judgment was
- 9 rendered;
- 10          (6) [~~(4)~~] the defendant's address, or if the address
- 11 is not shown in the suit, the nature of citation and the date and
- 12 place of service of citation;
- 13          (7) [~~(5)~~] the date on which the judgment was rendered;
- 14          (8) [~~(6)~~] the amount for which the judgment was
- 15 rendered and the balance due;
- 16          (9) [~~(7)~~] the amount of the balance due, if any, for
- 17 child support arrearage; and
- 18          (10) [~~(8)~~] the rate of interest specified in the
- 19 judgment.

20           SECTION 3. (a) Section 30.014, Civil Practice and Remedies  
21 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a civil action commenced  
22 on or after the effective date of this Act. A civil action  
23 commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
24 law in effect immediately before the change in law made by this Act,  
25 and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

26           (b) Subsection (a), Section 52.003, Property Code, as  
27 amended by this Act, applies only to an abstract of judgment

1 prepared on or after the effective date of this Act.

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