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S.B. No. 2556

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to confidentiality of information regarding certain agents.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 552.151 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.151. EXCEPTION: INFORMATION REGARDING SELECT AGENTS. Information that pertains to a biological agent or toxin identified or listed as a select agent in federal law, including the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, (Public Law 107-188) or regulations promulgated under that act, is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021, including information regarding:

(1) location;

(2) security protections;

(3) use or intended use; and

(4) the identity of an individual authorized to possess, use, or access.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.