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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of e-mail and website technology by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.207, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.207. USE OF TECHNOLOGY. (a) The commission shall develop and implement a policy requiring the executive director and department employees to research and propose appropriate technological solutions to improve the department's ability to perform its functions. The technological solutions must:

(1) ensure that the public is able to easily find information about the department on the Internet;

(2) ensure that persons who want to use the department's services are able to:

(A) interact with the department through the Internet; and

(B) access any service that can be provided effectively through the Internet; and

(3) be cost-effective and developed through the department's planning processes.

(b) The department shall provide on its Internet website a link to an Internet website that allows the public to track legislation affecting the programs administered by the department,

1 which may be a website that provides legislative information  
2 administered by the Texas Legislature.

3 (c) The department may satisfy any requirement under this  
4 chapter or another law governing a program subject to regulation by  
5 the department to provide notice by delivering the notice by e-mail  
6 to the recipient's last known e-mail address if the recipient has  
7 previously authorized the department to deliver the notice by  
8 e-mail. An e-mail address used under this subsection is  
9 confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,  
10 Government Code.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.