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H.B. No. 1578

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the release of a motor vehicle accident report.

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

SECTION 1. Section 550.065, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

(c-1) Except as provided by Subsection (c-2), the department or the governmental entity must redact the following information before releasing the information under Subsection (c)(4):

(1) the driver's license number, date of birth, and address of any person involved in the accident; and

(2) the license plate number and vehicle identification number of any vehicle involved in the accident.

(c-2) Subsection (c-1) does not apply to information released to:

(1) a person who is involved in the accident or a legal guardian of that person if the person is younger than 18 years of age;

(2) a person who has established financial responsibility for a vehicle involved in the accident in a manner described by Section 601.051, including a policyholder of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy covering the vehicle;

(3) an insurance company that issued a motor vehicle liability insurance policy covering a vehicle involved in the

1 accident; or

2 (4) an attorney representing a person who is involved
3 in the accident.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.