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H.B. No. 3532

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to access to certain confidential information provided in
3 an application for an exemption from ad valorem taxation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 11.48(a) and (b), Tax Code, are amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A driver's license number, personal identification
8 certificate number, or social security account number provided in
9 an application for an exemption filed with a chief appraiser is
10 confidential and not open to public inspection. The information
11 may not be disclosed to anyone other than an employee or agent of
12 the appraisal district [~~office~~] who appraises property or performs
13 appraisal services for the appraisal district, except as authorized
14 by Subsection (b).

15 (b) Information made confidential by this section may be
16 disclosed:

17 (1) in a judicial or administrative proceeding
18 pursuant to a lawful subpoena;

19 (2) to the person who filed the application or to the
20 person's representative authorized in writing to receive the
21 information;

22 (3) to the comptroller and the comptroller's employees
23 authorized by the comptroller in writing to receive the information
24 or to an assessor or a chief appraiser if requested in writing;

1 (4) in a judicial or administrative proceeding
2 relating to property taxation to which the person who filed the
3 application is a party; or

4 (5) if and to the extent the information is required to
5 be included in a public document or record that the appraisal
6 district [~~office~~] is required by law to prepare or maintain.

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