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H.B. No. 3532

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to confidential information.

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

4   Sec. 11.48. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. (a)   A driver's

5 license number, personal identification certificate number, or

6 social security account number provided in an application for an

7 exemption filed with a chief appraiser is confidential and not open

8 to public inspection. The information may not be disclosed to

9 anyone other than an employee or agent of the appraisal ~~office~~

10 district who appraises property or performs appraisal services for

11 the appraisal district, except as authorized by Subsection (b).

12   (b)   Information made confidential by this section may be

13 disclosed:

14   (1)   in a judicial or administrative proceeding

15 pursuant to a lawful subpoena;

16   (2)   to the person who filed the application or to the

17 person's representative authorized in writing to receive the

18 information;

19   (3)   to the comptroller and the comptroller's employees

20 authorized by the comptroller in writing to receive the information

21 or to an assessor or a chief appraiser if requested in writing;

22   (4)   in a judicial or administrative proceeding

23 relating to property taxation to which the person who filed the

24 application is a party; or

1   (5) if and to the extent the information is required to

2 be included in a public document or record that the appraisal office

3 is required by law to prepare or maintain.

4   (c) A person who legally has access to an application for an

5 exemption or who legally obtains the information from the

6 application made confidential by this section commits an offense if

7 the person knowingly:

8   (1) permits inspection of the confidential

9 information by a person not authorized by Subsection (b) to inspect

10 the information; or

11   (2) discloses the confidential information to a person

12 not authorized by Subsection (b) to receive the information.

13   (d) An offense under Subsection (c) is a Class B

14 misdemeanor.