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H.B. No. 3640

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of an emergency call.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 552.157 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.157. EXCEPTION: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONTENT OF EMERGENCY CALL. (a) A recording or transcript of an emergency call made to a public safety agency or a public safety answering point, as those terms are defined by Section 772.001, Health and Safety Code, is confidential.

(b) Information that is confidential under this section may be disclosed only with the express consent of the person who placed the emergency call or of a legal representative of the person.

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, 2017.