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S.B. No. 2127

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to limitations on the information reported by consumer
3 reporting agencies.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 20.05, Business & Commerce Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a consumer
9 reporting agency may not furnish a consumer report containing
10 information related to:

11 (1) a case under Title 11 of the United States Code or
12 under the federal Bankruptcy Act in which the date of entry of the
13 order for relief or the date of adjudication predates the consumer
14 report by more than 10 years;

15 (2) a suit or judgment in which the date of entry
16 predates the consumer report by more than seven years or the
17 governing statute of limitations, whichever is longer;

18 (3) a tax lien in which the date of payment predates
19 the consumer report by more than seven years;

20 (4) a record of arrest, indictment, or conviction of a
21 crime in which the date of disposition, release, or parole predates
22 the consumer report by more than seven years; [~~or~~]

23 (5) a collection account with a medical industry code,
24 if the consumer was covered by a health benefit plan at the time of

1 the event giving rise to the collection and the collection is for an
2 outstanding balance, after copayments, deductibles, and
3 coinsurance, owed to an emergency care provider or a facility-based
4 provider for an out-of-network benefit claim; or

5 (6) another item or event that predates the consumer
6 report by more than seven years.

7 (d) In this section:

8 (1) "Emergency care provider" means a physician,
9 health care practitioner, facility, or other health care provider
10 who provides emergency care.

11 (2) "Facility" has the meaning assigned by Section
12 324.001, Health and Safety Code.

13 (3) "Facility-based provider" means a physician,
14 health care practitioner, or other health care provider who
15 provides health care or medical services to patients of a facility.

16 (4) "Health care practitioner" means an individual who
17 is licensed to provide health care services.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.