H.B. No. 3175

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of an applicant for disaster recovery funds.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 552.160 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.160.  CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANT FOR DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS. (a) In this section, "disaster" has the meaning assigned by Section 418.004.

(b)  Except as provided by Subsection (c), the following information maintained by a governmental body is confidential:

(1)  the name, social security number, house number, street name, and telephone number of an individual or household that applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds;

(2)  the name, tax identification number, address, and telephone number of a business entity or an owner of a business entity that applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds; and

(3)  any other information the disclosure of which would identify or tend to identify a person or household that applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds.

(c)  The street name and census block group of and the amount of disaster recovery funds awarded to a person or household are not confidential after the date on which disaster recovery funds are awarded to the person or household.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3175 was passed by the House on April 25, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 129, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3175 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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