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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of the e-mail address of an applicant for or holder of a license issued by certain state agencies.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 552.137(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Subsection (a) does not apply to an e-mail address:

(1)  provided to a governmental body by a person who has a contractual relationship with the governmental body or by the contractor's agent;

(2)  provided to a governmental body by a vendor who seeks to contract with the governmental body or by the vendor's agent;

(3)  contained in a response to a request for bids or proposals, contained in a response to similar invitations soliciting offers or information relating to a potential contract, or provided to a governmental body in the course of negotiating the terms of a contract or potential contract;

(4)  provided to a governmental body on a letterhead, coversheet, printed document, or other document made available to the public; [~~or~~]

(5)  provided to a governmental body for the purpose of providing public comment on or receiving notices related to an application for a license as defined by Section 2001.003(2) of this code, or receiving orders or decisions from a governmental body; or

(6)  provided to a governmental body by an applicant for or holder of a license, as defined by Section 57.001, Occupations Code, issued by the Department of Agriculture or the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a request for information that is received by a governmental body or an officer for public information on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for information that was received before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was received, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  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, 2019.