

AN ACT

relating to using the Internet to obtain identifying information about an elderly individual for a fraudulent purpose.

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

SECTION 1. Section 325.006, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(c) The court may increase the amount of an award of actual damages in an action brought under this section to an amount not to exceed three times the actual damages sustained if the court finds that the violation:

(1) has reoccurred with sufficient frequency to constitute a pattern or practice; or

(2) adversely affected an elderly individual.

(f) In this section, "elderly individual" has the meaning assigned by Section 22.04, Penal Code.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 883 was passed by the House on April 18, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 883 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor