Thierry (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) 1-1 H.B. No. 883 By: 1-2 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019; April 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 10, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 10, 2019, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to using the Internet to obtain identifying information 1-20 about an elderly individual for a fraudulent purpose. 1-21

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

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 325.006, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (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 1-26 1-27 1-28 exceed three times the actual damages sustained if the court finds that the violation:

1-29 (<u>1)</u> has reoccurred with sufficient frequency to 1-30 1-31

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. 1-32 1-33

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