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H.B. No. 3631

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the confidentiality of the e-mail address of an  
3 applicant for or holder of a license issued by certain state  
4 agencies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (5) provided to a governmental body for the purpose of  
24 providing public comment on or receiving notices related to an

1 application for a license as defined by Section 2001.003(2) of this  
2 code, or receiving orders or decisions from a governmental body; or  
3 (6) provided to a governmental body by an applicant  
4 for or holder of a license, as defined by Section 57.001,  
5 Occupations Code, issued by the Department of Agriculture or the  
6 Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

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

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.