

AN ACT

relating to data matching with financial institutions to facilitate the collection of certain delinquent tax liabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 111, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 111.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 111.025. DELINQUENT TAXPAYER FINANCIAL RECORDS. (a)

In this section:

(1) "Account" means a demand deposit account, checking or negotiable order of withdrawal account, savings account, time deposit account, or money market mutual fund account.

(2) "Account owner record" means a record a financial institution uses to report account owner information, including:

(A) an account holder's name, social security number, or federal employer identification number; and

(B) the account balance and account type.

(3) "Delinquent taxpayer" means a person who at the time of a data match request under Subsection (b) is delinquent in a tax or fee administered by the comptroller.

(4) "Financial institution" means:

(A) a depository institution, as defined by Section 3(c), Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. Section 1813(c));

(B) a federal credit union or state credit union,

1 as those terms are defined by Section 101, Federal Credit Union Act
2 (12 U.S.C. Section 1752); or

3 (C) the agent of an entity described by Paragraph
4 (A) or (B).

5 (5) "Inquiry file" means an electronic file sent by
6 the comptroller or the comptroller's agent to a financial
7 institution that contains a record of delinquent taxpayers.

8 (b) A financial institution shall, each calendar quarter,
9 exchange data with the comptroller or the comptroller's agent to
10 facilitate matching the names of delinquent taxpayers with the
11 names of account holders using one of the following methods:

12 (1) an all accounts method in which:

13 (A) the financial institution submits to the
14 comptroller or the comptroller's agent an electronic file listing
15 all of the financial institution's open accounts and account owner
16 records; and

17 (B) the comptroller or the comptroller's agent
18 compares that information with the comptroller's records of
19 delinquent taxpayers; or

20 (2) a matched accounts method in which the financial
21 institution submits to the comptroller or the comptroller's agent
22 an electronic file listing all account owner records that match
23 information in an inquiry file.

24 (c) The comptroller shall make a data match request under
25 Subsection (b) compatible with the data processing system of the
26 financial institution.

27 (d) The comptroller may not request a financial institution

1 to perform a data match under this section more than once each
2 calendar quarter.

3 (e) A financial institution may not notify account holders
4 that the comptroller has requested a data match or whether a data
5 match has been made.

6 (f) Information provided by or to a financial institution,
7 the comptroller, or the comptroller's agent for the purpose of
8 performing a data match is confidential and may not be used for any
9 purpose or disclosed to any person except as necessary to perform a
10 data match. The financial institution, the comptroller, and the
11 comptroller's agent shall return, destroy, or erase any information
12 obtained after completion of the data match.

13 (g) A financial institution is not liable to any person for
14 disclosing information to the comptroller under this section or for
15 any other action that the financial institution takes in good faith
16 to comply with this section.

17 (h) The comptroller may contract with a third party to
18 facilitate the implementation of this section. A third-party
19 contractor may use confidential information solely for the purpose
20 of implementing this section.

21 (i) A suit to enforce this section must be brought by the
22 attorney general in the name of the state. Venue for the suit is in
23 Travis County.

24 (j) The comptroller may adopt rules to implement this
25 section.

26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1258 was passed by the House on April 16, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 120, Nays 25, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1258 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor