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H.B. No. 2618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the exception to disclosure under the public  
3 information law of certain personal information contained in a  
4 citation issued for a violation of a state traffic law or local  
5 traffic ordinance.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 552.1082 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 552.1082. EXCEPTION: CERTAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION  
10 FROM TRAFFIC VIOLATION RECORDS. (a) Except as provided by  
11 Subsection (b), information contained in a citation issued for a  
12 violation of a state traffic law or local traffic ordinance is  
13 excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if the  
14 information is the home address or personal telephone number of the  
15 person who is the subject of a citation.

16 (b) Information described by Subsection (a) shall be made  
17 available on the request of:

18 (1) a radio or television station that holds a license  
19 issued by the Federal Communications Commission; or

20 (2) a newspaper that is:

21 (A) a free newspaper of general circulation or  
22 qualified under Section 2051.044 to publish legal notices;

23 (B) published at least once a week; and

24 (C) available and of interest to the general

1 public in connection with the dissemination of news.

2           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.