

1-1 By: Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 562
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
1-3 May 1, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hancock	X		
1-9	Parker	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Gutierrez		X	
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Sparks	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the confidentiality of certain information received or
1-18 maintained by the Veterans' Land Board.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 161, Natural Resources
1-21 Code, is amended by adding Section 161.080 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 161.080. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. (a)
1-23 This section applies only to:

1-24 (1) a veteran or a family member of the veteran who
1-25 applies for or receives any benefits or services offered by the
1-26 board; or

1-27 (2) a current member of:

1-28 (A) the armed forces of the United States,
1-29 including a reserve component; or

1-30 (B) the Texas military forces, as that term is
1-31 defined by Section 437.001, Government Code.

1-32 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the following
1-33 information received or maintained by the board that relates to a
1-34 person to whom this section applies is confidential and not subject
1-35 to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code:

1-36 (1) name;

1-37 (2) home address;

1-38 (3) telephone number;

1-39 (4) e-mail address;

1-40 (5) emergency contact information;

1-41 (6) social security number; or

1-42 (7) any other information that reveals whether the
1-43 person has family members.

1-44 (c) The board may disclose the information described by
1-45 Subsection (b) to:

1-46 (1) a federal agency, state agency, political
1-47 subdivision of this state, or private vendor contracted by the
1-48 board for the purpose of administering any benefits or services
1-49 offered by the board for veterans or the family members of veterans;
1-50 or

1-51 (2) any person with the written consent of a person to
1-52 whom this section applies if:

1-53 (A) the information is disclosed for the purpose
1-54 specified in the written consent; and

1-55 (B) the disclosed information relates to the
1-56 consenting person.

1-57 (d) Information disclosed under Subsection (c) is not
1-58 subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, and the
1-59 disclosure does not constitute a voluntary disclosure to the public
1-60 by the board for purposes of Section 552.007, Government Code.

1-61 (e) To the extent of any conflict between this section and

2-1 Section 552.137, Government Code, this section prevails.
2-2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-6 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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