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H.B. No. 668

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of coin-operated machines.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2153.051, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the comptroller shall disclose confidential information, including information contained in a license or registration certificate application, to a law enforcement agency that submits to the comptroller a written request for the information in connection with an investigation the agency is conducting. A peace officer is an appropriate official for purposes of the disclosure of information under Subsection (b)(5).

(d) Information disclosed to a law enforcement agency in accordance with Subsection (c) remains confidential information under Section 2153.102, and the agency may use the information only for purposes of the investigation, and any related prosecution, for which the agency submitted the written request.

(e) In this section, "law enforcement agency" means an agency of this state or an agency of a political subdivision of this state authorized by law to employ peace officers.

SECTION 2. Section 2153.305(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The comptroller may refuse to issue or renew or may

1 suspend or revoke a license or registration certificate, or a tax
2 permit or license the comptroller issues to the applicant or
3 registration certificate holder for a different tax or activity
4 administered by the comptroller, if:

5 (1) the applicant or license or registration
6 certificate holder violates this chapter or a rule adopted under
7 this chapter;

8 (2) the applicant or license or registration
9 certificate holder fails to answer a question or makes a false
10 statement in, or in connection with, an application;

11 (3) the applicant or license or registration
12 certificate holder extends or lends credit without notifying the
13 commissioner of the person's intent to extend or lend credit [~~as~~
14 ~~required by Section 2153.253~~];

15 (4) the applicant or license or registration
16 certificate holder uses coercion to accomplish a purpose or engage
17 in conduct regulated by the comptroller; or

18 (5) the applicant or license or registration
19 certificate holder enters into a contract or agreement with the
20 owner of the location of a coin-operated machine and the contract or
21 agreement contains any kind of restriction relating to the location
22 owner's right to purchase, agree to purchase, or use a product,
23 commodity, or service that is not regulated under this chapter.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.