

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 3772
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Parker)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2023;
 1-4 May 4, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-5 & Commerce; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to combating human trafficking by the Texas Department of
 1-23 Licensing and Regulation.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Occupations Code, is amended by
 1-26 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER K. COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

1-28 Sec. 51.551. ANTI-TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES. The department
 1-29 may combat human trafficking by:

1-30 (1) establishing within the department an
 1-31 anti-trafficking unit;

1-32 (2) identifying businesses operating within
 1-33 industries regulated by the department that are impacted by human
 1-34 trafficking; and

1-35 (3) coordinating with:

1-36 (A) the office of the attorney general, including
 1-37 any council, task force, or work group established by that office to
 1-38 combat human trafficking;

1-39 (B) local, state, and federal law enforcement
 1-40 agencies; and

1-41 (C) any nongovernmental entity engaged in
 1-42 efforts to combat human trafficking or assist victims.

1-43 Sec. 51.552. RULES. The commission may adopt rules to
 1-44 combat human trafficking for any program regulated by the
 1-45 department, including rules for conducting inspections and
 1-46 investigations under Section 51.351.

1-47 Sec. 51.553. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS IDENTIFYING
 1-48 VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. (a) Information that identifies an
 1-49 individual as a victim of human trafficking is confidential and
 1-50 excepted from disclosure under Section 552.021, Government Code.

1-51 (b) The department may withhold the information without the
 1-52 necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general under
 1-53 Subchapter G, Chapter 552, Government Code.

1-54 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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