

By: West

S.B. No. 696

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limitations on the information reported by consumer reporting agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 20.05(a), Business & Commerce Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a consumer reporting agency may not furnish a consumer report containing information related to:

(1) a case under Title 11 of the United States Code or under the federal Bankruptcy Act in which the date of entry of the order for relief or the date of adjudication predates the consumer report by more than 10 years;

(2) a suit or judgment in which the date of entry predates the consumer report by more than seven years or the governing statute of limitations, whichever is longer;

(3) a tax lien in which the date of payment predates the consumer report by more than seven years;

(4) a record of ~~[arrest, indictment, or]~~ conviction of a crime in which the date of disposition, release, or parole predates the consumer report by more than seven years;

(4-a) a record of arrest, charge, or indictment for an alleged crime that did not result in a conviction or a grant of deferred adjudication community supervision;

1 (5) a collection account with a medical industry code,
2 if the consumer was covered by a health benefit plan at the time of
3 the event giving rise to the collection and the collection is for an
4 outstanding balance, after copayments, deductibles, and
5 coinsurance, owed to an emergency care provider or a facility-based
6 provider for an out-of-network benefit claim; or

7 (6) another item or event that predates the consumer
8 report by more than seven years.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.