

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain information concerning
service members of the state military forces.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 437, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 437.232 to read as follows:

Sec. 437.232. CONFIDENTIALITY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL
INFORMATION. (a) In this section, "military personnel
information" means a service member's name, home address, rank,
official title, pay rate or grade, state active duty orders,
deployment locations, military duty addresses, awards and
decorations, length of military service, and medical records.

(b) A service member's military personnel information is
confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

SECTION 2. Section 552.117(a), Government Code, is amended
to read as follows:

(a) Information is excepted from the requirements of
Section 552.021 if it is information that relates to the home
address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or
social security number of the following person or that reveals
whether the person has family members:

(1) a current or former official or employee of a
governmental body, except as otherwise provided by Section 552.024;

(2) a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of

1 Criminal Procedure, or a security officer commissioned under
2 Section 51.212, Education Code, regardless of whether the officer
3 complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

4 (3) a current or former employee of the Texas
5 Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of
6 the department or any division of the department, regardless of
7 whether the current or former employee complies with Section
8 552.1175;

9 (4) a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of
10 Criminal Procedure, or other law, a reserve law enforcement
11 officer, a commissioned deputy game warden, or a corrections
12 officer in a municipal, county, or state penal institution in this
13 state who was killed in the line of duty, regardless of whether the
14 deceased complied with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

15 (5) a commissioned security officer as defined by
16 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code, regardless of whether the
17 officer complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

18 (6) an officer or employee of a community supervision
19 and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who
20 performs a duty described by Section 76.004(b), regardless of
21 whether the officer or employee complies with Section 552.024 or
22 552.1175;

23 (7) a current or former employee of the office of the
24 attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office
25 the duties of which involve law enforcement, regardless of whether
26 the current or former employee complies with Section 552.024 or
27 552.1175;

1 (8) a current or former employee of the Texas Juvenile
2 Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of the
3 department, regardless of whether the current or former employee
4 complies with Section 552.1175;

5 (9) a juvenile probation or supervision officer
6 certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, or the
7 predecessors in function of the department, under Title 12, Human
8 Resources Code; ~~or~~

9 (10) employees of a juvenile justice program or
10 facility, as those terms are defined by Section 261.405, Family
11 Code; or

12 (11) a current or former member of the Texas military
13 forces, as that term is defined by Section 437.001.

14 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
15 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or
16 an officer for public information on or after the effective date of
17 this Act. A request for information that was received before the
18 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
19 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in
20 effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

H.B. No. 2152

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2152 was passed by the House on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2152 on May 18, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2152 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor