

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 2070

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exempting certain foster homes that provide shelter to victims of human trafficking from certain notification and hearing requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.0461, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) The department may waive the notice and hearing requirements imposed by Subsections (a), (b), and (f) for an applicant that:

(1) demonstrates to the department in the manner prescribed by department rule that:

(A) a local, state, or federal law enforcement official has determined that the majority of the children to be served by the applicant's facility will be victims of human trafficking; and

(B) disclosure of the address or location of the applicant's facility in the notice or at a public hearing will compromise the safety and well-being of the residents and staff members of the facility; and

(2) in the manner prescribed by department rule, provides written confirmation from a local, state, or federal law enforcement official of the potential security concerns for the facility.

1 SECTION 2. The executive commissioner of the Health and
2 Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to
3 implement Section [42.0461](#)(h), Human Resources Code, as added by
4 this Act, not later than December 1, 2015.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.