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H.B. No. 1186

AN ACT
relating to the Texas Racing Commission's ability to share investigatory information with other state regulatory agencies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2.15, Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.15. RECORDS. (a) All records of the commission that are not made confidential by other law are open to inspection by the public during regular office hours. All applications for a license under this Act shall be maintained by the commission and shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours.

(b) The contents of the investigatory files of the commission are not public records and are confidential except in a criminal proceeding, in a hearing conducted by the commission, on court order, or with the consent of the party being investigated.

(c) The commission may share with another regulatory agency of this state any investigatory file information that creates a reasonable suspicion of a person's violation of a law or rule under that agency's jurisdiction. The agency may use the information as if it was obtained through that agency's investigatory process.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 3, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 9, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 24, 2013.

Effective May 24, 2013.