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(b) After a deduction of any costs of suit, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, 80 percent of the amount of the award remaining must be paid to the state, and the remaining 20 percent must be paid, on a pro rata basis, to each law enforcement agency, district attorney's office, criminal district attorney's office, and office of a county attorney with felony criminal jurisdiction found by the court to have assisted in the suit.

c) The first $10 million, after any costs of suit described by Subsection (b), that is paid to the state under this chapter in a fiscal year shall be dedicated to the compensation to victims of crime fund described by Article 56.54, Code of Criminal Procedure.

Sec. 140.013. PREVIOUSLY SEIZED ASSETS. Notwithstanding another provision of this chapter, no remedies provided by this chapter may be assessed against proceeds, contraband, or other property over which a law enforcement agency has previously asserted jurisdiction under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, at the time a suit under this chapter was filed.

SECTION 2. Chapter 140, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a civil action based on an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, committed on or after the effective date of this Act. A civil action based on an offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and that law continues in effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. 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 May 4, 2013: Yeas 129, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1067

H.B. No. 3253

AN ACT
relating to the notation of death on a birth certificate and the release of birth certificate information for certain purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 191.034, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 191.034. NOTATION OF DEATH ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE. (a) On receipt of the death certificate of a person [younger than 55 years of age] whose birth is registered in this state, the state registrar shall conspicuously note the person's date of death [make a conspicuous notation] on the person's birth certificate [that the person is dead].

(b) The state registrar shall notify [provide computer-generated abstracts, transcripts, or copies of the death certificate to] the county clerk of the county in which the person [decedent] was born and [to] the local registrar of the registration district in which the person [decedent] was born of the person's death. On receipt of the notification of death, the county clerk or local registrar shall conspicuously note the person's date of death [make a conspicuous notation] on the person's [decedent's] birth certificate [that the person is dead].

SECTION 2. Section 192.002(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The section of the birth certificate entitled "For Medical and Health Use Only" is not part of the legal birth certificate. Information held by the department under that section of the certificate is confidential. That information may not be released or made public on subpoena or otherwise, except that release may be made for statistical purposes only so that
no person, patient, or facility is identified, or to medical personnel of a health care entity, as that term is defined in Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, or to a faculty member at a medical school, as that term is defined in Section 61.501, Education Code, for statistical or medical research, or to appropriate state or federal agencies for statistical research. The board may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

SECTION 3. 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 25, 2013: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3253 on May 23, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 1068

H.B. No. 3256

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain vehicles to be operated as farm vehicles on a road or highway in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.146, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) A specialty license plate may not be issued under Subsection (a) to an owner of a vehicle described by Subsection (b)(1) unless the vehicle’s owner provides a registration number issued by the comptroller under Section 151.1551, Tax Code. The comptroller shall allow access to the online system established under Section 151.1551(1), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 502.433, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-i) to read as follows:

(a-i) A commercial motor vehicle may not be registered under this section unless the vehicle’s owner provides a registration number issued by the comptroller under Section 151.1551, Tax Code. The comptroller shall allow access to the online system established under Section 151.1551(1), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided under this subsection.

SECTION 3. Section 502.434, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-i) to read as follows:

(a-i) A permit may not be issued under this section unless the vehicle’s owner provides a registration number issued by the comptroller under Section 151.1551, Tax Code. The comptroller shall allow access to the online system established under Section 151.1551(1), Tax Code, to verify a registration number provided under this subsection. This subsection does not apply to a permit issued to a retail dealer of tools or equipment that is transporting the tools or equipment from the place of purchase or storage to the customer’s farm or ranch.

SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections 502.146, 502.433, and 502.434, Transportation Code, apply only to an application submitted for approval on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3256 on May 21, 2013: Yeas 2549