

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 1186

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the Texas Racing Commission's ability to share  
3 investigatory information with other state regulatory agencies.

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

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

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

12 (b) The contents of the investigatory files of the  
13 commission~~[, however,]~~ are not public records and are confidential  
14 except in a criminal proceeding, in a hearing conducted by the  
15 commission, on court order, or with the consent of the party being  
16 investigated.

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

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.