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OR2011-13640

Re: Request for report #11-02773 regarding an auto accident on 9/04/11

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 436280 (TAMU Request No. 11-517).

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion. First, you state you redacted Texas driver's license and license plate numbers under section 552.130 of the Government Code pursuant to Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).<sup>1</sup> Next, you claim the marked information must be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.130 of the Government Code. We agree you must withhold the marked motor vehicle record information in accordance with section 552.130 of the Government Code.

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<sup>1</sup>Open Records Decision No. 684 is a previous determination to all governmental bodies authorizing them to withhold ten categories of information, including Texas driver's license numbers under section 552.130 of the Government Code, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision. However, on September 1, 2011, the Texas legislature amended section 552.130 to allow a governmental body to redact the information described in subsections 552.130(a)(1) and (a)(3) without the necessity of seeking a decision from the attorney general. See Act of May 30, 2011, 82<sup>nd</sup> Leg., R.S., S.B. 602, § 22 (to be codified at Gov't Code § 552.130(c)). If a governmental body redacts such information, it must notify the requestor in accordance with section 552.130(e). See Act of May 30, 2011, 82<sup>nd</sup> Leg., R.S., S.B. 602, § 22 (to be codified at Gov't Code § 552.130(d), (e)). Thus, the statutory amendments to section 552.130 of the Government Code supercede Open Records Decision No. 684 on September 1, 2011. Therefore, a governmental body may only redact information subject to subsections 552.130(a)(1) and (a)(3) in accordance with section 552.130, not Open Records Decision No. 684.

For more information on the cited exception, as well as information on the rights and obligations of governmental bodies and requestors, please refer to open government information contained on the Office of the Attorney General website at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc: Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
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