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Mr. Brad Bowman
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Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
P.O. Box 12157
Austin, Texas 78711

OR2013-22409

Dear Mr. Bowman:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 509735.

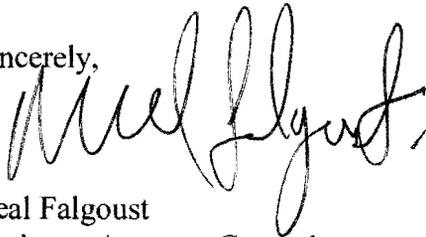
The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (the "department") received a request for the insurance policy number of a specified towing company. The department released some information. However, as permitted by section 552.136(c) of the Government Code, the department redacted information it determined to be subject to section 552.136(b) of the Government Code without requesting a decision from this office. Gov't Code § 552.136(c). Pursuant to section 552.136(d) of the Government Code, the requestor has asked this office to review the information and render a decision as to whether this information is excepted from disclosure under 552.136(b). We have considered the position and reviewed the information.

Section 552.136(b) of the Government Code provides, "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of [the Act], a credit card, debit card, charge card, or access device number that is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental body is confidential." *Id.* § 552.136(b); *see id.* § 552.136(a) (defining "access device"). This office has concluded insurance policy numbers constitute access device numbers for purposes of section 552.136. Thus, the department must withhold the insurance policy numbers you marked under section 552.136 of the Government Code.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neal Falgoust". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "N".

Neal Falgoust
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)