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(5) determines a person is incompetent to stand trial under Chapter 46B, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(6) finds a person is entitled to relief from disabilities under Section 574.088, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The clerk of the court shall prepare and forward the following information under Subsection (a):

(1) the complete name, race, and sex of the person;

(2) any known identifying number of the person, including social security number, driver's license number, or state identification number; and

(3) the person's date of birth.

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(e) The duty of a clerk to prepare and forward information under this section is not affected by:

- (1) any subsequent appeal of the court order;
- (2) any subsequent modification of the court order; or
- (3) the expiration of the court order.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 574, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 574.088 to read as follows:

Sec. 574.088. RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CASES. (a) A person who is furloughed or discharged from court-ordered mental health services may petition the court that entered the commitment order for an order stating that the person qualifies for relief from a firearms disability.

(b) In determining whether to grant relief, the court must hear and consider evidence about:

- (1) the circumstances that led to imposition of the firearms disability under 18 U.S.C. Section 922(g)(4);
- (2) the person's mental history;
- (3) the person's criminal history; and
- (4) the person's reputation.

(c) A court may not grant relief unless it makes and enters in the record the following affirmative findings:

- (1) the person is no longer likely to act in a manner

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(e) The duty of a clerk to prepare and forward information under this section is not affected by:

- (1) any subsequent appeal of the court order;
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dangerous to public safety; and
(2) removing the person's disability to purchase a
firearm is in the public interest.

SECTION 3. Each clerk of the court shall prepare and forward information for each order issued on or after September 1, 1999, to the Department of Public Safety as required by Section 411.0521, Government Code, as added by this Act. Not later than September 1, 2010, each clerk of the court shall prepare and forward information for any court orders issued on or after September 1, 1999, and before September 1, 2009.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. Each clerk of the court shall prepare and forward information for each order issued on or after September 1, 1989, to the Department of Public Safety as required by Section 411.0521, Government Code, as added by this Act. Not later than September 1, 2010, each clerk of the court shall prepare and forward information for any court orders issued on or after September 1, 1989, and before September 1, 2009.

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