

1-1 By: Smithee, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Bettencourt) H.B. No. 4490
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 & Commerce; May 20, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 20, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to an exemption from required disclosure of information
1-22 related to the next of kin of deceased persons.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 11, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal
1-25 Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-26 (d) The information relating to the next of kin of a
1-27 decedent is excepted from required public disclosure in accordance
1-28 with Chapter 552, Government Code, but is subject to disclosure
1-29 under subpoena or authority of other law.

1-30 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
1-31 request for information that is received by a governmental body or
1-32 an officer of public information on or after the effective date of
1-33 this Act. A request for information that was received before the
1-34 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
1-35 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in
1-36 effect for that purpose.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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