

1-1 By: Paxton S.B. No. 610  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 13, 2024; February 3, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;  
1-4 March 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 19, 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 combating human trafficking by the Texas Department of  
1-22 Licensing and Regulation.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Occupations Code, is amended by  
1-25 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER K. COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

1-27 Sec. 51.551. ANTI-TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES. The department  
1-28 may combat human trafficking by:

1-29 (1) establishing within the department an  
1-30 anti-trafficking unit;

1-31 (2) identifying businesses operating within  
1-32 industries regulated by the department that are impacted by human  
1-33 trafficking; and

1-34 (3) coordinating with:

1-35 (A) the office of the attorney general, including  
1-36 any council, task force, or work group established by that office to  
1-37 combat human trafficking;

1-38 (B) local, state, and federal law enforcement  
1-39 agencies; and

1-40 (C) any nongovernmental entity engaged in  
1-41 efforts to combat human trafficking or assist victims.

1-42 Sec. 51.552. RULES. The commission may adopt rules to  
1-43 combat human trafficking for any program regulated by the  
1-44 department, including rules for conducting inspections and  
1-45 investigations under Section 51.351.

1-46 Sec. 51.553. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS IDENTIFYING  
1-47 VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. (a) Information that identifies an  
1-48 individual as a victim of human trafficking is confidential and  
1-49 excepted from disclosure under Section 552.021, Government Code.

1-50 (b) The department may withhold the information without the  
1-51 necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general under  
1-52 Subchapter G, Chapter 552, Government Code.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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