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Mr. Jon Lawson
Law Clerk
Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners
P.O. Box 4200
Austin, Texas 78765-4200

OR2016-27667

Dear Mr. Lawson:

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# 638453.

The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (the "board") received a request for the certificate of insurance for a specified plumber. The board released the responsive information but made redactions as permitted by section 552.136 of the Government Code without requesting a decision from this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.136(c). Pursuant to section 552.136(d), the requestor has asked this office to review the redacted information and render a decision as to whether it is excepted from disclosure under section 552.136(b) of the Government Code. *See id.* § 552.136(d). We have considered the board's position and reviewed the information at issue.

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. Accordingly, the board must withhold the information you redacted 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 "Joe Behnke", is written over a faint, circular stamp or watermark.

Joseph Behnke
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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)