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Dear Ms. Yarbrough:

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# 750410 (ORR# 29491).

The Texas Medical Board (the "board") received a request for a status report on a complaint filed with the board by a named individual, as well as documents related to the case. The board claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exception and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

In Open Records Letter No. 2007-03117 (2007), this office issued a previous determination authorizing the board to withhold investigative information that is in the possession of or was received or gathered by the board during the investigation of a license holder under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 164.007 of the Occupations Code without the necessity of again requesting an attorney general decision with regard to the applicability of this exception. *See* Gov't Code § 552.301(a); Open Records Decision No. 673 at 7-8 (2001) (delineating elements of second type of previous determination under

¹We assume the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

Gov't Code § 552.301(a)). The board represents the submitted information is confidential under section 164.007 and is subject to that previous determination. Upon review, we agree the submitted information is confidential under section 164.007. Thus, pursuant to Open Records Letter No. 2007-03117, the board must withhold the submitted information under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with section 164.007 of the Occupations 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,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)