

Committee on Judiciary

CS/SB 598 — Public Records/Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel Office

by Judiciary Committee and Senator Baxley

The bill exempts certain motor vehicle registration records in order to conceal that the owner or operator of a motor vehicle or vessel is an Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel. The exemption protects investigators, and it is similar to exemptions for investigators employed by state attorneys and public defenders.

The bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stands repealed on October 2, 2027, unless reviewed and saved from the repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect on the same date that CS/CS/SB 596 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 117-0