

By the Committee on Governmental Operations and
Representative Hill

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; creating s.
3 741.465, F.S.; providing an exemption from
4 public records requirements for certain
5 personal information about program participants
6 in the Address Confidentiality Program for
7 Victims of Domestic Violence; providing
8 exceptions; providing for future review and
9 repeal; providing a finding of public
10 necessity; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 741.465, Florida Statutes, is
15 created to read:

16 741.465 Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of
17 Domestic Violence; certain information exempt from
18 disclosure.--The addresses, corresponding telephone numbers,
19 and social security numbers of program participants in the
20 Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic
21 Violence are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of
22 the State Constitution, except the information may be
23 disclosed under the following circumstances: if requested by
24 a law enforcement agency, to the law enforcement agency; if
25 directed by a court order, to a person identified in the
26 order; or if the certification has been canceled. For
27 purposes of this section, the term "address" means a
28 residential street address, school address, or work address,
29 as specified on the individual's application to be a program
30 participant in the Address Confidentiality Program for Victims
31 of Domestic Violence. This section is subject to the Open

1 Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s.
2 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2002, unless
3 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
4 Legislature.

5 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
6 necessity that the addresses, corresponding telephone numbers,
7 and social security numbers of program participants in the
8 Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic
9 Violence be exempt from public records requirements. Release
10 of this information would significantly threaten the safety
11 and security of program participants. Therefore, the harm
12 that would result from such release outweighs any public
13 benefit that might result therefrom.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the effective
15 date of House Bill No. 1637, relating to the Address
16 Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence, or
17 similar legislation enacted during the 1997 Regular Session of
18 the Legislature.

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