

By the Committee on Governmental Operations and
Representative Posey

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from
4 public records requirements for bank account
5 numbers and debit, charge, and credit card
6 numbers in the possession of an agency of state
7 or local government; providing for future
8 review and repeal; providing a finding of
9 public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (z) of subsection (3) of section
14 119.07, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:
15 119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of
16 records; exemptions.--

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19 (z) Bank account numbers or debit, charge, or credit
20 card numbers in the possession of ~~given to~~ an agency for any
21 the purpose, including of payment of any fee or debt owing,
22 are confidential and exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a),
23 Art. I of the State Constitution. However, such numbers may
24 be given to any governmental entity in order for that
25 governmental entity to carry out its duties and
26 responsibilities or used by an agency, as needed, in any
27 administrative or judicial proceeding, provided such numbers
28 are kept confidential and exempt, unless otherwise ordered by
29 the court. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government
30 Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and
31 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2002 ~~2001~~, unless reviewed
and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

1 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
2 necessity that bank account numbers or debit, charge, or
3 credit card numbers in the possession of an agency be held
4 confidential and exempt from public disclosure because
5 revealing such information could create the opportunity for
6 fraud and impede technological innovation. This exemption
7 will create a secure environment in which agencies, and their
8 employees, and persons doing business with government, can
9 meet their respective financial obligations.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.

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14 HOUSE SUMMARY

15 Provides an exemption from public records requirements
16 for bank account numbers and debit, charge, and credit
17 card numbers in the possession of an agency of state or
18 local government. Provides for future review and repeal.

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