A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records;

An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for bank account numbers and debit, charge, and credit card numbers in the possession of an agency of state or local government; providing for future review and repeal; providing a finding of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (z) of subsection (3) of section 119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of records; exemptions.--

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card numbers in the possession of given to an agency for any the purpose, including of payment of any fee or debt owing, are confidential and exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. However, such numbers may be given to any governmental entity in order for that governmental entity to carry out its duties and responsibilities or used by an agency, as needed, in any administrative or judicial proceeding, provided such numbers are kept confidential and exempt, unless otherwise ordered by the court. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2003 2001, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.