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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records exemptions; exempting armed forces form DD-214 from disclosure when filed with the clerk of the court; providing exceptions; providing for future review and repeal; providing findings of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. United States armed forces form DD-214, when filed with the clerk of the court, is confidential and exempt from section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. However, information contained in that form may be released to a personal representative, executor, or court-appointed guardian of the person. This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with section 119.15, Florida Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that exempting information contained in United States armed forces form DD-214 is a public necessity. The information is of a personal nature, and the potential harm resulting from its disclosure is not offset by any possible public benefit.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Exempts U.S. armed forces form DD-214 from public-records disclosure.