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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3           119.07, F.S.; providing that cellular telephone  
4           numbers of law enforcement officers are exempt  
5           from public records requirements; providing a  
6           statement of public necessity; providing an  
7           effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (ee) is added to subsection (3)  
12           of section 119.07, Florida Statutes, to read:

13                   119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of  
14           records; exemptions.--

15                   (3)

16                   (ee) The cellular telephone number of a law  
17           enforcement officer or former law enforcement officer which is  
18           used in the course of his or her employment in this state is  
19           exempt from the requirements of subsection (1) and s. 24(a),  
20           Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is subject to  
21           the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995, in accordance  
22           with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2003,  
23           unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by  
24           the Legislature.

25                   Section 2. The Legislature finds that the exemption  
26           from public records requirements provided by this act is a  
27           public necessity because law enforcement officers or former  
28           law enforcement officers can be identified as such by  
29           connecting them with their cellular telephone numbers that are  
30           used in the course of their employment. The identification of  
31           current and former law enforcement officers through cellular

1 telephone numbers can compromise investigations, undermine  
2 those officers' ability to apprehend suspects, and compromise  
3 the physical safety of law enforcement officers. Consequently,  
4 the Legislature finds that cellular telephone numbers of law  
5 enforcement officers and former law enforcement officers that  
6 are used in the course of their employment must be kept  
7 confidential.

8           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
9 law.

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12                               LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

13           Provides an exemption from public records requirements  
14 for the cellular telephone numbers of current and former  
15 law enforcement officers. Provides a statement of public  
16 necessity and for future review and repeal of the  
17 exemption.

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