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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 3 119.07, F.S.; providing that electronic paging device numbers of law enforcement officers are 4 exempt from public records requirements; 5 providing a statement of public necessity; 6 7 providing an effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Paragraph (ee) is added to subsection (3) of section 119.07, Florida Statutes, to read: 12 119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of 13 14 records; exemptions. --15 (3) (ee) The electronic paging device number of a law 16 17 enforcement officer or former law enforcement officer which is used in the course of his or her employment in this state is 18 19 exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), 20 Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995, in accordance 21 2.2 with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed October 2, 2003, 23 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by 24 the Legislature. 25 Section 2.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 electronic paging device numbers 30 that are used in the course of their employment. The identification of current and former law enforcement officers 31

through electronic paging device numbers can compromise investigations, undermine those officers' ability to apprehend suspects, and compromise the physical safety of law enforcement officers. Consequently, the Legislature finds that electronic paging device numbers of law enforcement officers and former law enforcement officers which are used in the course of their employment must be kept confidential. Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY Provides an exemption from public records requirements for the electronic paging device numbers of current and former law enforcement officers. Provides a statement of public necessity and for future review and repeal of the exemption.