

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 383.51, F.S.; providing an exemption from
4 public records requirements for information
5 that identifies a parent who leaves a newborn
6 infant at an emergency medical services
7 station; providing an exception; providing for
8 future review and repeal; providing a finding
9 of public necessity; providing an effective
10 date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 383.51, Florida Statutes, is
15 amended to read:

16 383.51 Confidentiality; identification of parent
17 leaving newborn infant at hospital, emergency medical services
18 station, or fire station.--The identity of a parent who leaves
19 a newborn infant at a hospital, emergency medical services
20 station, or a fire station in accordance with s. 383.50 is
21 confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1)
22 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The identity
23 of a parent leaving a child shall be disclosed to a person
24 claiming to be a parent of the newborn infant. This section is
25 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in
26 accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October
27 2, 2007 ~~October 2, 2005~~, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
28 through reenactment by the Legislature.

29 Section 2. The Legislature finds that the preservation
30 of anonymity and confidentiality of parents who leave newborn
31 infants at emergency medical services stations is a public

1 necessity in order to encourage parents to leave infants
2 safely and thus protect the life and health of those infants.
3 The Legislature further finds that the public policy provided
4 for in the creation of section 383.50, Florida Statutes, will
5 be served if the anonymity and confidentiality of parents who
6 leave newborns at emergency medical services stations is
7 maintained.

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

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