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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

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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 a̶ 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26 accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October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 O̶c̶t̶o̶b̶e̶r̶ ̶2̶,̶ ̶2̶0̶0̶5̶, 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

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 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

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