

By Representative Mahon

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public records; providing an  
 3           exemption from public records requirements for  
 4           information contained in the paternity registry  
 5           maintained by the Department of Children and  
 6           Family Services; providing for future  
 7           legislative review and repeal; providing  
 8           findings of public necessity; providing a  
 9           contingent effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. All information contained in the paternity  
 14 registry created by s. 63.165, Florida Statutes, is exempt  
 15 from public disclosure pursuant to s. 119.07(1), Florida  
 16 Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article I of the State  
 17 Constitution, except that certificates attesting to the  
 18 results of a search of the paternity registry pursuant to s.  
 19 63.165(2)(f), Florida Statutes, may be disclosed as provided  
 20 in s. 63.165(2)(f), Florida Statutes. This section is subject  
 21 to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance  
 22 with s. 119.15, Florida Statutes, and shall stand repealed on  
 23 October 2, 2007, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through  
 24 reenactment by the Legislature.

25           Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
 26 necessity to exempt from disclosure pursuant to s. 119.07(1),  
 27 Florida Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article I of the State  
 28 Constitution all information contained in the paternity  
 29 registry created by s. 63.165, Florida Statutes. The  
 30 Legislature finds that it is good public policy to encourage  
 31 putative fathers to grasp both the responsibility and the

