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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to a public records exemption; amending s.
3	119.07, F.S.; creating an exemption from public records
4	requirements for the home addresses, telephone numbers,
5	social security numbers, and photographs of active or
6	former emergency medical technicians or paramedics
7	certified in compliance with chapter 401, the home
8	addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers,
9	photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and
10	children of such emergency medical technicians and
11	paramedics, and the names and locations of schools and day
12	care facilities attended by the children of such emergency
13	medical technicians and paramedics; providing for future
14	review and repeal; providing a statement of public
15	necessity; providing an effective date.
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17	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19	Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section
20	119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
21	119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of
22	records; exemptions
23	(3)
24	(i)1. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social
25	security numbers, and photographs of active or former law
26	enforcement personnel, including correctional and correctional
27	probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and
28	Family Services whose duties include the investigation of abuse,
29	neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal
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HB 1785 2004 30 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties 31 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments 32 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and 33 enforcement or child support enforcement; the home addresses, 34 35 telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and 36 places of employment of the spouses and children of such 37 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt 38 39 from the provisions of subsection (1). The home addresses, 40 telephone numbers, and photographs of firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.35; the home addresses, telephone 41 42 numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses 43 and children of such firefighters; and the names and locations 44 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of 45 such firefighters are exempt from subsection (1). The home 46 addresses and telephone numbers of justices of the Supreme 47 Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the home addresses, telephone numbers, 48 49 and places of employment of the spouses and children of justices and judges; and the names and locations of schools and day care 50 51 facilities attended by the children of justices and judges are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1). The home 52 addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and 53 photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant 54 55 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide 56 prosecutors; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the 57 58 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,

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HB 1785 2004 59 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant 60 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or 61 62 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide 63 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from 64 subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. 65 2. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security 66 numbers, and photographs of current or former human resource, 67 labor relations, or employee relations directors, assistant 68 directors, managers, or assistant managers of any local 69 government agency or water management district whose duties 70 include hiring and firing employees, labor contract negotiation, 71 administration, or other personnel-related duties; the names, 72 home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, 73 photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and 74 children of such personnel; and the names and locations of 75 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such 76 personnel are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of 77 the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the Open 78 Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless 79 80 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the 81 Legislature.

3. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the

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HB 1785 children of such persons are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

94 4.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social 95 security numbers, and photographs of active or former emergency medical technicians or paramedics certified in compliance with 96 97 chapter 401; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the 98 spouses and children of such emergency medical technicians and 99 100 paramedics; and the names and locations of schools and day care 101 facilities attended by children of such emergency medical 102 technicians and paramedics are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 103 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

b. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government
Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall
stand repealed on October 2, 2009, unless reviewed and saved
from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

108 5.4. An agency that is the custodian of the personal information specified in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or 109 subparagraph 3., or subparagraph 4. and that is not the employer 110 of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person 111 specified in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 112 113 3., or subparagraph 4. shall maintain the confidentiality of the 114 personal information only if the officer, employee, justice, 115 judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated

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HB 1785 116 employee submits a written request for confidentiality to the 117 custodial agency.

118 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public 119 necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, social 120 security numbers, and photographs of active or former emergency 121 medical technicians or paramedics certified in compliance with 122 chapter 401, Florida Statutes, the home addresses, telephone 123 numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of 124 employment of the spouses and the children of such emergency 125 medical technicians and paramedics, and the names and locations 126 of schools and day care facilities attended by children of such 127 emergency medical technicians and paramedics be held exempt from 128 public disclosure. Emergency medical technicians and paramedics 129 provide a valuable service to the community. They interact with 130 victims of illness or violence every day of their careers. 131 Emergency medical technicians and paramedics must respond to all 132 types of emergencies and are required to provide services to 133 varying populations at varying locales. The capacity in which they work with injured or ill victims does not always create 134 135 good will. A victim who experiences a negative outcome due to 136 medical treatment could feel ill will towards an emergency 137 medical technician or paramedic. An ill or injured person might not agree with the course of treatment such person receives from 138 139 an emergency medical technician or paramedic. As such, 140 emergency medical technicians or paramedics, or the spouses and 141 children of such technicians or paramedics, could become 142 potential targets for acts of revenge. In addition, emergency 143 medical technicians and paramedics are called as witnesses in 144 court proceedings for crimes such as arson. The testimony of a

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145	HB 1785 <u>technician or paramedic could create a safety risk. Therefore,</u>
146	if the information specified in this act continues to be
147	available to the public, the safety and welfare of emergency
148	medical technicians and paramedics, and their spouses and
149	children, could be seriously jeopardized. Accordingly, it is a
150	public necessity that identifying and location information of
151	such technicians and paramedics, and their spouses and children,
152	be made exempt from public disclosure.
153	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.