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28 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
29 necessity that fingerprint identification information held by an
30 agency before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption
31 be made exempt from public records requirements. Fingerprint
32 identification is currently the most widely used ultimate means
33 of verifying identity and of detecting or preventing false
34 claims of identity. Given existing technological capabilities
35 for duplicating, enhancing, modifying, and transferring records,
36 the availability of fingerprint identification information,
37 whether in traditional ink and paper form or when digitized,
38 creates the opportunity for improper, illegal, or harmful use,
39 particularly the crime of identify theft. In addition, release
40 of fingerprint identification information could create
41 opportunities for breach of security, which could result in harm
42 to programs, property, and persons. Thus, the Legislature finds
43 that it is a public necessity to protect fingerprint
44 identification information held by an agency before, on, or
45 after the effective date of this act.

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, if
47 House Bill 151, or similar legislation relating to fingerprint
48 identification information held by an agency, is adopted in the
49 same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes
50 law.