

1 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
2 Constitution. ~~Notwithstanding this exemption,~~

3 (c) Social security numbers shall be released, for the
4 limited purpose of locating owners of abandoned or unclaimed
5 property, to a person registered with the department under
6 this chapter who is an attorney, Florida-certified public
7 accountant, private investigator who is duly licensed in this
8 state, or a private investigative agency licensed under
9 chapter 493 and registered with the department under this
10 chapter.

11 (d) This exemption applies to social security numbers
12 and property identifiers ~~financial account numbers~~ held by the
13 department before, on, or after the effective date of this
14 exemption.

15 (e) This subsection is subject to the Open Government
16 Sunset Review Act ~~of 1995~~ in accordance with s. 119.15, and
17 shall stand repealed October 2, 2012 ~~2007~~, unless reviewed and
18 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

19 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
20 necessity that property identifiers contained in reports of
21 unclaimed property be made confidential and exempt from
22 public-records requirements. Property identifiers, which are
23 descriptors used by a holder to identify unclaimed property,
24 could be used to obtain fraudulently unclaimed funds or
25 property. Protection of property identifiers is a public
26 necessity in order to prevent the fraudulent use of such
27 information for purposes of creating falsified or forged
28 documents that appear to demonstrate entitlement to unclaimed
29 property. Such use defrauds the rightful property owner or the
30 State School Fund. Furthermore, the release of property
31 identifiers contained in reports of unclaimed property hinders

1 the effective and efficient administration of the unclaimed
2 property program.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

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5 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
7 Senate Bill 1848

8 Provides a public records exemption for property identifiers,
9 defined as the descriptor used by the holder of unclaimed
property to identify the unclaimed property.

10 Provides a statement of public necessity.

11 Provides for future legislative review and repeal of the
12 exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act.

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