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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s. 893.1497, F.S.; providing an exemption from public-records requirements for information concerning the retail sale of ephedrine and related compounds stored in the written or electronic logbook of a retail distributor or in the centralized real-time electronic logbook maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement

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

Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 893.1497, Florida Statutes, as created by SB _____, to read:

of public necessity; providing a contingent effective

- 893.1497 Real-time electronic logbook; sales records; purchaser's proof of identity and age.--
- (10) (a) Information entered into the written or electronic logbook of a retail distributor or into the centralized real-time electronic logbook maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement shall remain confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution except as authorized by law.
- (b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government
 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand
 repealed on October 2, 2013, unless reviewed and saved from
 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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Section 2. The Legislature finds a public necessity in protecting the information stored in the written or electronic logbook of a retail distributor or in the centralized real-time electronic logbook maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement concerning the sale of ephedrine and related compounds. The information consists of the transaction records of persons purchasing at retail ephedrine and related compounds. The records specify the drug purchased, its quantity, its intended use, and other personal information concerning the purchaser. To reveal this information would imperil the privacy of individuals who are legitimately purchasing drugs for medical purposes.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, if Senate Bill ____, or similar legislation creating the real-time electronic logbook for the Department of Law Enforcement, is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.