

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to a review under the Open Government
 3 Sunset Review Act regarding the Florida Putative Father
 4 Registry; amending s. 63.0541, F.S., which provides a
 5 public records exemption for all information contained in
 6 the Florida Putative Father Registry; providing an
 7 additional exception to the exemption for a birth mother
 8 identified in a registry entry; removing superfluous
 9 language; repealing s. 2, ch. 2003-56, Laws of Florida,
 10 which provides for repeal of the exemption; providing an
 11 effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 63.0541, Florida Statutes, is amended
 16 to read:

17 63.0541 Public records exemption for the Florida Putative
 18 Father Registry.--

19 (1) All information contained in the Florida Putative
 20 Father Registry ~~and maintained by the Office of Vital Statistics~~
 21 ~~within the Department of Health~~ is confidential and exempt from
 22 ~~public disclosure pursuant to s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I~~
 23 ~~of the State Constitution, except as otherwise provided in this~~
 24 ~~section.~~

25 (2) Information made confidential and exempt by this
 26 section shall be disclosed to:

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27 (a) An adoption entity, upon the filing of a request for a
28 diligent search of the Florida Putative Father Registry in
29 connection with the planned adoption of a child.

30 (b) The registrant unmarried biological father, upon
31 receipt of a notarized request for a copy of his registry entry
32 only.

33 (c) The birth mother, upon receipt of a notarized request
34 for a copy of any registry entry in which she is identified as
35 the birth mother.

36 (d) The court, upon issuance of a court order concerning a
37 petitioner acting pro se in an action under this chapter.

38 ~~(3)(2) Except as set forth in subsection (1), The database~~
39 ~~comprising the Florida Putative Father Registry shall remain~~
40 ~~confidential and exempt and separate from all other databases in~~
41 ~~this state, including any local or federal database. Such~~
42 ~~database may not be accessed by any other state or federal~~
43 ~~agency or entity.~~

44 Section 2. Section 2 of chapter 2003-56, Laws of Florida,
45 is repealed.

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.