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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 379.249, F.S.; exempting from public records
4 requirements the personal information contained in
5 site files or records which identifies the location of
6 artificial reefs funded with private contributions;
7 providing for future legislative review and repeal
8 under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing
9 a statement of public necessity; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 379.249, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 379.249 Artificial reef program; grants and financial and
17 technical assistance to local governments.-

18 (5) (a) The commission's artificial reef program shall track
19 all artificial-reef-development activities statewide, and
20 maintain a computer database of these activities for the public
21 interest and to facilitate long-range planning and coordination
22 within the commission and among local governments.

23 (b) Information that identifies the location of an
24 artificial reef funded with private contributions which is
25 contained in site files or records maintained by an agency as
26 defined in s. 119.011 is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and from s.
27 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is
28 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance
29 with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2020,

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30 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
31 Legislature.

32 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
33 necessity that information that identifies the location of an
34 artificial reef funded with private contributions and which is
35 held by an agency as defined in s. 119.011 be made exempt from
36 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
37 State Constitution. The Legislature finds that disclosing the
38 locations of artificial reefs funded with private contributions
39 would discourage the artificial reef building partnership
40 programs with coastal local governments. Thus, the Legislature
41 finds that strengthening the artificial reef building
42 partnership programs outweighs any public benefit that may be
43 derived from the disclosure of such information.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.