

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 24.1051, F.S.; creating a temporary exemption from
 4 public records for the names of lottery winners who
 5 win prizes over a specified value; providing for
 6 future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
 7 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
 8 an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 24.1051,
 13 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),
 14 respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section
 15 to read:

16 24.1051 Exemptions from inspection or copying of public
 17 records.—

18 (3) (a) The name of a winner of a prize valued at \$250,000
 19 or more is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
 20 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution for 90 days from the
 21 date the prize is claimed, unless the winner consents to the
 22 release of his or her name or as provided for in s. 24.115(4) or
 23 s. 409.2577. After 90 days, the winner's name is no longer
 24 confidential and exempt.

25 (b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government

26 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
27 repealed on October 2, 2026, unless reviewed and saved from
28 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

29 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
30 necessity that the name of a winner of a lottery prize valued at
31 \$250,000 or more be made confidential and exempt from s.
32 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
33 State Constitution for 90 days from the date the prize is
34 claimed. Persons who win valuable lottery prizes have been the
35 targets of violent and nonviolent criminal acts based upon
36 publicly available identifying information. For this reason, the
37 Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to temporarily
38 maintain the confidential and exempt status of such information.
39 The Legislature finds that the harm that may result from the
40 release of the name of a winner of a lottery prize valued at
41 \$250,000 or more outweighs the public benefit that may be
42 derived from the disclosure of the information.

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