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

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

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

15 24.1051 Exemptions from inspection or copying of public
16 records.—

17 (3) (a) The name of a winner of a prize valued at \$250,000
18 or more is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
19 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, unless the winner
20 consents to the release of his or her name or as provided for in
21 s. 24.115(4) or s. 409.2577.

22 (b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government
23 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
24 repealed on October 2, 2026, unless reviewed and saved from
25 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

26 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
27 necessity that the name of a winner of a lottery prize valued at
28 \$250,000 or more be made confidential and exempt from s.
29 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the

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30 State Constitution, because persons who win valuable lottery
31 prizes have been the targets of violent and nonviolent criminal
32 acts based upon publicly available identifying information. For
33 this reason, the Legislature finds that it is a public necessity
34 to maintain the confidential and exempt status of such
35 information.

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