

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Government Operations
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Rommel offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 252.385,
 8 Florida Statutes, to read:

9 252.385 Public shelter space; public records exemption.-

10 (5) The name, address, and telephone number of a person
 11 provided public emergency shelter during a storm or catastrophic
 12 event held by an agency, as defined in s. 119.011, which
 13 provided the emergency shelter, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
 14 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subsection is
 15 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance
 16 with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2026,

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17 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
18 Legislature.

19 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
20 necessity that the name, address, and telephone number of a
21 person who was provided public emergency shelter during a storm
22 or other catastrophic event be made exempt from s. 119.07(1),
23 Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State
24 Constitution. Emergency shelters are made available to the
25 public to provide a safe place of accommodation before, during,
26 and immediately following storms and other catastrophic events.
27 During these emergency events, those affected are in a
28 vulnerable state, as they have voluntarily displaced themselves
29 from their residences and possessions to seek refuge. The
30 information submitted to an agency by such a person seeking
31 emergency shelter during a storm or other catastrophic event
32 could be used by persons seeking to take advantage of their
33 vulnerability during or following the emergency. In addition,
34 those seeking emergency shelter for their safety and the safety
35 of their families should not be forced to forfeit their privacy
36 for the sake of such safety. Therefore, the Legislature finds
37 that the need to protect the name, address, and telephone number
38 of individuals seeking emergency shelter is sufficiently
39 compelling to override this state's public policy of open
40 government and that the protection of such information cannot be
41 accomplished without this exemption.

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

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to public records; amending s. 252.385, F.S.;

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creating an exemption from public records requirements for the

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name, address, and telephone number of persons provided public

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emergency shelter and held by the agency which provided the

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emergency shelter; providing for future legislative review and

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repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public

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necessity; providing an effective date.