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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Baxley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 34 - 77

and insert:

defender's office, or any office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel which require the activities requiring concealment of publicly leased or owned motor vehicles or vessels and a statement of the position classifications of the individuals who are authorized to use the license plate or decal. The department may modify its records to reflect the



11 fictitious identity of the owner or lessee until such time as  
12 the license plate or decal and registration certificate are  
13 surrendered to it.

14 (3) This section constitutes an exception to other statutes  
15 relating to falsification of public records, false swearing, and  
16 similar matters. All records relating to the registration  
17 application of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control  
18 Unit, a law enforcement agency, ~~or~~ any state public defender's  
19 office, or any office of criminal conflict and civil regional  
20 counsel, and records necessary to carry out the intended purpose  
21 of this section, are exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s. 119.07(1),  
22 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution as long as the  
23 information is retained by the department. This section does not  
24 prohibit other personations, fabrications, or creations of false  
25 identifications by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control  
26 Unit, ~~or~~ law enforcement or public defender's officers, or any  
27 office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel in the  
28 official performance of covert operations.

29 (4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset  
30 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed  
31 on October 2, 2026, unless reviewed and saved from repeal  
32 through reenactment by the Legislature.

33 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity  
34 that all records relating to the application of a confidential  
35 registration certificate and registration license plate or decal  
36 submitted by an office of criminal conflict and civil regional  
37 counsel, and any other records necessary to carry out the  
38 intended purpose of s. 320.025, Florida Statutes, be made exempt  
39 from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of



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40 the State Constitution. Investigations by an office of criminal  
41 conflict and civil regional counsel may be jeopardized by the  
42 registration of motor vehicles under the office's name or under  
43 the names of the office's investigators in that persons under  
44 investigation may acquire such registration information in order  
45 to seek retaliation against the office or its investigators.  
46 Authorizing offices of criminal conflict and civil regional  
47 counsel to obtain confidential registration certificates and  
48 registration license plates or decals in the same manner as any  
49 state public defender's office

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51 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete lines 7 - 10

54 and insert:

55 specified activities; expanding a public records  
56 exemption to include all records pertaining to a  
57 registration application submitted by any office of  
58 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel;  
59 providing for