

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public records; amending s.  
 3           320.025, F.S.; expanding a public records exemption to  
 4           include all records pertaining to a registration  
 5           application submitted by any criminal conflict and  
 6           civil regional counsel office; providing for future  
 7           legislative review and repeal; providing a statement  
 8           of public necessity; providing a contingent effective  
 9           date.

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

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13           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 320.025, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that  
 15 section, to read:

16           320.025 Registration certificate and license plate or  
 17 decal issued under fictitious name; application.—

18           (3) This section constitutes an exception to other  
 19 statutes relating to falsification of public records, false  
 20 swearing, and similar matters. All records relating to the  
 21 registration application of the Attorney General's Medicaid  
 22 Fraud Control Unit, a law enforcement agency, ~~or~~ any state  
 23 public defender's office, or any office of criminal conflict and  
 24 civil regional counsel, and records necessary to carry out the  
 25 intended purpose of this section, are exempt from ~~the provisions~~

26 ~~of~~ s. 119.07(1)~~7~~ and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution  
27 as long as the information is retained by the department. This  
28 section does not prohibit other personations, fabrications, or  
29 creations of false identifications by the Attorney General's  
30 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, ~~or~~ law enforcement or public  
31 defender's officers, or a regional counsel office in the  
32 official performance of covert operations.

33 (4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset  
34 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed  
35 on October 2, 2027, unless reviewed and saved from repeal  
36 through reenactment by the Legislature.

37 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
38 necessity that all records relating to the application for a  
39 confidential registration certificate and registration license  
40 plate or decal submitted by an office of criminal conflict and  
41 civil regional counsel, and any other records necessary to carry  
42 out the intended purpose of s. 320.025, Florida Statutes, be  
43 made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),  
44 Article I of the State Constitution. Investigations by an office  
45 of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel may be  
46 jeopardized by the registration of motor vehicles under the  
47 office's name or under the names of the office's investigators  
48 in that persons under investigation may acquire such  
49 registration information in order to seek retaliation against  
50 the office or its investigators. Authorizing offices of criminal

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51 conflict and civil regional counsel to obtain confidential  
52 registration certificates and registration license plates or  
53 decals in the same manner as other law enforcement agencies  
54 would better ensure the safety of the regional counsel offices'  
55 investigators in performing their official duties.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date  
57 that HB 383 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
58 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
59 extension thereof and becomes a law.