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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public records; creating s.
215.55861, F.S.; exempting certain applications and
inspection reports submitted to the My Safe Florida
Home Program from public records requirements;
providing for future review and repeal; providing a
statement of public necessity; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Section 215.55861, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

215.55861 My Safe Florida Home Program public records
exemption.—Applications and inspection reports submitted by
applicants to the My Safe Florida Home Program under s.
215.5586, no matter the date of submission, are exempt from s.
119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in
accordance with s. 119.15 and is repealed on October 2, 2029,
unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
necessity that applications and inspection reports submitted to
the My Safe Florida Home Program be made exempt from s.

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26 | 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. These
27 | documents contain personal information, including but not
28 | limited to names, e-mail addresses, mailing addresses, telephone
29 | numbers. This information is unique to each individual and, when
30 | combined with other personal identifying information, can be
31 | used for identity theft, consumer scams, unwanted solicitations,
32 | or other invasive contact. Additionally, applications and
33 | inspection reports contain detailed descriptions and pictures of
34 | the inside and outside of applicants' homes, including private
35 | areas, points of entry, and other vulnerabilities. The public
36 | availability of these records put applicants of the My Safe
37 | Florida Home Program at increased risk of home invasions and
38 | reduces privacy in their homes.

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