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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to public records; amending s.
3	626.171, F.S.; providing a public records exemption
4	for cellular telephone numbers obtained by the
5	Department of Financial Services through certain
6	insurance license applications; providing
7	applicability; providing for future legislative review
8	and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of
9	public necessity; providing a directive to the
10	Division of Law Revision; providing a contingent
11	effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 626.171,
16	Florida Statutes, as amended by HB 989 or similar legislation,
17	2024 Regular Session, to read:
18	626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
19	representative, adjuster, service representative, or reinsurance
20	intermediary
21	(8)(a) Cellular telephone numbers collected by the
22	department under subsection (2) are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
23	s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption
24	applies to cellular telephone numbers held by the department
25	before, on, or after the effective date of this act.
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26 This subsection is subject to the Open Government (b) 27 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand 28 repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from 29 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 30 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that all cellular telephone numbers collected by the 31 32 Department of Financial Services pursuant to s. 626.171(2), 33 Florida Statutes, be exempt from public records requirements. 34 The Legislature finds that the unintentional publication of such 35 information may subject the filer to identity theft, financial harm, or other adverse impacts. Without the public records 36 37 exemption, the effective and efficient administration of the electronic filing system, which is otherwise designed to 38 39 increase the ease of filing records, would be hindered. For 40 these reasons, the Legislature finds that it is a public 41 necessity to exempt such information from public records 42 requirements. 43 Section 3. The Division of Law Revision is directed to 44 replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" wherever it 45 occurs in this act with the date this act becomes a law. 46 Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date 47 that HB 989 or similar legislation takes effect, if such 48 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an 49 extension thereof and becomes a law.

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