

By the Committee on Community Affairs

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to a review under the Open Government  
3       Sunset Review Act; amending s. 119.071, F.S., which  
4       provides an exemption from public records requirements  
5       for property photographs and personal identifying  
6       information of applicants for or participants in  
7       certain federal, state, or local housing assistance  
8       programs; deleting the scheduled repeal of the  
9       exemption; providing an effective date.

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

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13       Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section  
14       119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15       119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of  
16       public records.—

17       (5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

18       (f)1. The following information held by the Department of  
19       Commerce, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, a county, a  
20       municipality, or a local housing finance agency is confidential  
21       and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
22       Constitution:

23       a. Medical history records and information related to  
24       health or property insurance provided by an applicant for or a  
25       participant in a federal, state, or local housing assistance  
26       program.

27       b. Property photographs and personal identifying  
28       information of an applicant for or a participant in a federal,  
29       state, or local housing assistance program for the purpose of

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30 disaster recovery assistance for a presidentially declared  
31 disaster.

32 2. Governmental entities or their agents shall have access  
33 to such confidential and exempt records and information for the  
34 purpose of auditing federal, state, or local housing programs or  
35 housing assistance programs.

36 3. Such confidential and exempt records and information may  
37 be used in any administrative or judicial proceeding, provided  
38 such records are kept confidential and exempt unless otherwise  
39 ordered by a court.

40 ~~4. Sub-subparagraph 1.b. is subject to the Open Government~~  
41 ~~Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand~~  
42 ~~repealed on October 2, 2025, unless reviewed and saved from~~  
43 ~~repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.