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An act relating to public records; creating s. 1004.43521, F.S.; providing a public records exemption for specified patient information for the Parkinson's disease registry; authorizing certain information to be disclosed under certain circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1004.43521, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.43521 Parkinson's disease registry; public records exemption.—

(1) Information held in the Parkinson's disease registry under s. 1004.4352 which identifies a patient is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

(2) Such information may be disclosed to the following:

(a) The Parkinson's Disease Research Board.

(b) A private entity that the board has contracted with to establish and maintain the registry if such entity agrees to:

1. Submit a research plan to the board which specifies the

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26 exact nature of the information requested and the intended use
 27 of the information;

28 2. Maintain the confidentiality of the records or
 29 information if personal identifying information is made
 30 available to the entity;

31 3. Destroy any confidential records or information
 32 obtained after the research is concluded; and

33 4. Not directly or indirectly contact, for any purpose,
 34 any patient.

35 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
 36 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
 37 on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
 38 through reenactment by the Legislature.

39 Section 2. The Legislature finds that is a public
 40 necessity that information held in the Parkinson's disease
 41 registry under s. 1004.4352, Florida Statutes, which would
 42 identify a patient be made confidential and exempt from s.
 43 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
 44 State Constitution. Such personal identifying health care
 45 information, if publicly available, could be used to invade the
 46 personal privacy of the individual identified in the registry.
 47 The Legislature finds that the disclosure of such information
 48 could hinder the effective and efficient administration of the
 49 registry. Further, the Legislature finds that access to such
 50 information could be used to solicit or harass an individual

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51 identified in the registry. Therefore, the Legislature finds
52 that information held in the Parkinson's disease registry which
53 would identify a patient should be confidential and exempt from
54 public records requirements.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date
56 that HB 1443 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
57 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
58 extension thereof and becomes a law.