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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s. 1004.4352, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain records and personal identifying information submitted to the Parkinson's Disease Registry; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (5) of section 1004.4352, Florida Statutes, as created by SB __, 2026 Regular Session, to read:

1004.4352 Parkinson's disease research.-

(5) PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY.—Subject to a specific appropriation, the department shall contract with the consortium to establish and maintain a Parkinson's Disease Registry to ensure that the Parkinson's disease data required to be submitted under paragraph (a) is maintained and available for use for research to advance therapies, improve patient outcomes, and find potential cures for the disease. The department contract must require the consortium to use a nationally recognized platform to collect data from physicians as required in paragraph (a).

(f) All records and personal identifying information relating to persons diagnosed with or treated for Parkinson's disease which is submitted to the registry under this subsection are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art.

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30 I of the State Constitution, except that:

31 1. Release may be made with the written consent of persons
to whom the information applies.

33 2. The department or the consortium may contact individuals
for the purpose of epidemiological investigation and monitoring,
provided information that is confidential under this subsection
is not further disclosed.

37 3. The department may enter into a data-sharing agreement
with any other governmental agency or entity for the purpose of
medical or scientific research, provided such governmental
agency or entity does not further disclose information that is
confidential under this subsection.

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43 This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review
Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on
October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
reenactment by the Legislature.

47 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
necessity that all records and personal identifying information
relating to persons diagnosed with or treated for Parkinson's
disease which is submitted to the Parkinson's Disease Registry
pursuant to s. 1004.4352(5), Florida Statutes, be made
confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and
s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The Department of
Health and the University of South Florida's Consortium for
Parkinson's Disease Research are unable to effectively implement
the legislative purpose of the Parkinson's Disease Registry,
created under s. s. 1004.4352(5), Florida Statutes, without
access to these records and information, which include personal

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59 medical information, the disclosure of which would violate
60 federal patient privacy laws, including the Health Insurance
61 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Therefore, the
62 Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to make such
63 records and information held by the department confidential and
64 exempt to protect the privacy rights of persons diagnosed with
65 and treated for Parkinson's disease in this state and promote
66 the effective administration of the department's epidemiological
67 research and tracking activities.

68 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that
69 SB ____ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
70 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
71 thereof and becomes a law.