

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Sharief

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to public records; amending s.  
381.9312, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
records requirements for certain records and personal  
identifying information submitted to the Department of  
Health for inclusion in the uterine fibroid research  
database; providing for future legislative 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. Subsection (4) is added to section 381.9312,  
Florida Statutes, to read:

381.9312 Uterine fibroid research database; education and  
public awareness.—

(4) PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION.—All records and personal  
identifying information relating to women diagnosed with or  
treated for uterine fibroids which is submitted to the  
department under this section are confidential and exempt from  
s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.  
This subsection 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Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on  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.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
necessity to make all records and personal identifying  
information relating to women diagnosed with or treated for  
uterine fibroids which is submitted to the Department of Health

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30 under s. 381.9312, Florida Statutes, confidential and exempt  
31 from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of  
32 the State Constitution. The Department of Health is unable to  
33 effectively implement the legislative purpose of the uterine  
34 fibroid research database, created under s. 381.9312, Florida  
35 Statutes, without access to these records and information, which  
36 include personal medical information, the disclosure of which  
37 would violate federal patient privacy laws, including the Health  
38 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Therefore,  
39 the Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to make such  
40 records and information held by the department confidential and  
41 exempt to protect the privacy rights of women diagnosed with and  
42 treated for uterine fibroids in this state and promote the  
43 effective administration of the department's epidemiological  
44 research and tracking activities.

45       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.