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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 Division of Law Revision; providing a contingent 10 11 effective date. 12 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 14 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 626.171, 15 Florida Statutes, as amended by HB 989 or similar legislation, 16 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 department under subsection (2) are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and 22 23 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption 24 applies to cellular telephone numbers held by the department

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before, on, or after the effective date of this act.

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(b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government
Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from
repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that all cellular telephone numbers collected by the Department of Financial Services pursuant to s. 626.171(2), Florida Statutes, be exempt from public records requirements. The Legislature finds that the unintentional publication of such information may subject the filer to identity theft, financial harm, or other adverse impacts. Without the public records exemption, the effective and efficient administration of the electronic filing system, which is otherwise designed to increase the ease of filing records, would be hindered. For these reasons, the Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to exempt such information from public records requirements.

Section 3. The Division of Law Revision is directed to replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" wherever it occurs in this act with the date this act becomes a law.

Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date that HB 989 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.