

HB 559

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3 379.249, F.S.; exempting from public records  
4 requirements the personal information contained in  
5 site files or records which identifies the location of  
6 artificial reefs funded with private contributions;  
7 providing for future legislative review and repeal  
8 under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing  
9 a statement of public necessity; providing an  
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 379.249, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 379.249 Artificial reef program; grants and financial and  
17 technical assistance to local governments.-

18 (5) (a) The commission's artificial reef program shall  
19 track all artificial-reef-development activities statewide, and  
20 maintain a computer database of these activities for the public  
21 interest and to facilitate long-range planning and coordination  
22 within the commission and among local governments.

23 (b) Information that identifies the location of an  
24 artificial reef funded with private contributions which is  
25 contained in site files or records maintained by an agency as  
26 defined in s. 119.011 is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and from s.

27 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is  
28 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance  
29 with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2020,  
30 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
31 Legislature.

32 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
33 necessity that information that identifies the location of an  
34 artificial reef funded with private contributions and which is  
35 held by an agency as defined in s. 119.011 be made exempt from  
36 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the  
37 State Constitution. The Legislature finds that disclosing the  
38 locations of artificial reefs funded with private contributions  
39 would discourage the artificial reef building partnership  
40 programs with coastal local governments. Thus, the Legislature  
41 finds that strengthening the artificial reef building  
42 partnership programs outweighs any public benefit that may be  
43 derived from the disclosure of such information.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.