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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 e-mail addresses and secure login credentials
5	obtained by the Department of Financial Services from
6	certain insurance license applications; providing a
7	definition; providing for future legislative review
8	and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of
9	public necessity; providing a directive to the
10	Division of Law Revision; providing an 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 (8) is added to section 626.171,
15	Florida Statutes, to read:
16	626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
17	representative, adjuster, service representative, or reinsurance
18	intermediary
19	(8)(a) E-mail addresses submitted to the department under
20	subsection (2) are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
21	of the State Constitution. This exemption applies to e-mail
22	addresses held by the department before, on, or after the
23	effective date of this act.
24	(b) Secure login credentials held by the department for
25	the purpose of allowing a person to electronically file or
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26 review records under this section are exempt from s. 119.07(1) 27 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption 28 applies to secure login credentials held by the department 29 before, on, or after the effective date of this act. As used in 30 this paragraph, the term "secure login credential" means 31 information held by the department for purposes of 32 authenticating a user logging into a user account on a computer, a computer system, a computer network, or an electronic device; 33 34 an online user account accessible via the Internet, whether through a mobile device, a website, or any other electronic 35 36 means; or information used for authentication or password 37 recovery. 38 (c) This subsection is subject to the Open Government 39 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand 40 repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from 41 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 42 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that all e-mail addresses and secure login credentials 43 44 held by the Department of Financial Services relating to 45 electronically filed applications for licenses as insurance 46 agents, customer representatives, adjusters, service 47 representatives, and reinsurance intermediaries be made exempt 48 from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of 49 the State Constitution. The Legislature finds that the unintentional publication of such information may subject the 50

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51	filer to identity theft, financial harm, or other adverse
52	impacts. Without this public records exemption, the effective
53	and efficient administration of the electronic filing system,
54	which is otherwise designed to increase the ease of filing
55	records, would be hindered. For these reasons, the Legislature
56	finds that the public records exemption for all e-mail addresses
57	and secure login credentials held by the Department of Financial
58	Services relating to electronically filed applications for
59	licenses as insurance agents, customer representatives,
60	adjusters, service representatives, and reinsurance
61	intermediaries serves a public purpose.
62	Section 3. The Division of Law Revision is directed to
63	replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" wherever it
64	occurs in this act with the date this act becomes a law.
65	Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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