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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to public records; creating s.
3	215.5587, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
4	records requirements for certain information in
5	applications and home inspection reports submitted by
6	applicants to the Department of Financial Services as
7	a part of the My Safe Florida Home Program; providing
8	retroactive applicability; providing for future
9	legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
10	providing a statement of public necessity; providing
11	an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 215.5587, Florida Statutes, is created
16	to read:
17	215.5587 My Safe Florida Home Program; public records
18	exemption
19	(1) All of the following information contained in
20	applications and home inspection reports submitted by applicants
21	as part of the My Safe Florida Home Program under s. 215.5586 is
22	exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
23	Constitution:
24	(a) The components of the applicant's mailing address
25	other than the city, zip code, and the applicant's name.
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26	(b) Any phone number or e-mail address provided by the
27	applicant.
28	(c) Detailed descriptions and pictures of the inside and
29	outside of applicant's homes.
30	(2) This exemption applies retroactively to applications
31	and home inspection reports submitted before, on, or after the
32	effective date of this exemption.
33	(3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
34	Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
35	on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
36	through reenactment by the Legislature.
37	Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
38	necessity that the following information contained in
39	applications and home inspection reports submitted by applicants
40	as part of the My Safe Florida Home Program be made exempt from
41	s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
42	State Constitution: an applicant's name, certain components of
43	his or her mailing address, an applicant's phone number or e-
44	mail address, as well as descriptions and pictures of the inside
45	and outside of an applicant's home. The Legislature further
46	finds that it is a public necessity that the public record
47	exemption be applied retroactively. More than 99 percent of all
48	home inspections and grant applications are completed
49	electronically or by phone. Under current law, My Safe Florida
50	Home Program applications and home inspection reports are public
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51	records and can be obtained by anyone for any purpose. This
52	information is unique to each individual and can be used for
53	identity theft, consumer scams, unwanted solicitations, or other
54	invasive contact. Additionally, My Safe Florida Home Program
55	applications and home inspection reports contain detailed
56	descriptions and pictures of the inside and outside of
57	applicants' homes, including private areas, points of entry, and
58	other vulnerabilities. The public availability of this
59	information puts participants in the My Safe Florida Home
60	Program at increased risk of home invasions and reduces privacy
61	in their homes. These risks may be significantly limited by
62	making such information contained in My Safe Florida Home
63	Program applications and home inspection reports exempt from
64	public record requirements.
65	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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