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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate . Comm: RCS . 02/08/2024 . .

The Committee on Rules (Martin) recommended the following: Senate Amendment Delete lines 38 - 60 and insert: necessity that the following information contained in applications and home inspection reports submitted by applicants as part of the My Safe Florida Home Program be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution: an applicant's name, certain components of his or her mailing address, an applicant's phone number or e-

11 mail address, as well as descriptions and pictures of the inside

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12	and outside of an applicant's home. The Legislature further
13	finds that it is a public necessity that the public records
14	exemption be applied retroactively. More than 99 percent of all
15	home inspections and grant applications are completed
16	electronically or by phone. Under current law, My Safe Florida
17	Home Program applications and home inspection reports are public
18	records and can be obtained by anyone for any purpose. This
19	information is unique to each individual and can be used for
20	identity theft, consumer scams, unwanted solicitations, or other
21	invasive contact. Additionally, My Safe Florida Home Program
22	applications and home inspection reports contain detailed
23	descriptions and pictures of the inside and outside of
24	applicants' homes, including private areas, points of entry, and
25	other vulnerabilities. The public availability of this
26	information puts participants in the My Safe Florida Home
27	Program at increased risk of home invasions and reduces privacy
28	in their homes. These risks may be significantly limited by
29	making such information contained in My Safe Florida Home
30	Program applications and home inspection reports exempt from
31	public records requirements.