

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/SB 7040 — Public Records/E-mail Addresses/Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

by Rules Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Transportation Committee

The bill creates an exemption from the state's public records laws for customer e-mail addresses collected by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles during driver license and motor vehicle record transactions. Specifically, the exemption applies to e-mail addresses collected by the Department for:

- Sending a notification regarding motor vehicle titles, pursuant to s. 319.40(3), F.S.;
- Providing a renewal notice for a motor vehicle license or registration, pursuant to s. 320.95(2), F.S.; and
- Providing a renewal notice for a driver license or identification card, pursuant to s. 322.08(8), F.S.

The bill provides a statement of public necessity, as required by the State Constitution, and includes a retroactivity clause. Therefore, e-mail addresses currently held by the Department for the aforementioned purposes will also be exempt from public disclosure.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 38-1; House 112-4