

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Health Policy**

**SB 1700 — Public Records/Personal Identifying Information/Compassionate Use Registry**

by Senator Bean

The bill creates a new public records exemption for patient and physician personal identifying information held by the Department of Health (DOH) in the compassionate use registry (created by the passage of CS/CS/SB 1030). The bill makes such information confidential and exempt from the public records requirements of s. 119.07(1), F.S., and Art. I, s. 24(a), State Constitution. The bill allows law enforcement agencies, low-THC marijuana dispensing organizations, physicians, the DOH's relevant health care regulatory boards, and persons engaged in bona fide research to access the information in the registry under certain circumstances. The bill also requires that such confidential information remain confidential once released from the registry, provides penalties for violating the provisions of the exemption, and states the public necessity of creating the public records exemption.

The provisions in the bill are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and, as such, will be automatically repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

*Vote: Senate 33-2; House 112-2*