

Committee on Regulated Industries

CS/SB 692 — Public Records/Florida Gaming Control Commission

by Regulated Industries Committee and Senator Hutson

The bill exempts, as to current or former commissioners of the Florida Gaming Control Commission (commission) and their spouses and children, their home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs, from the requirements for public records set forth in Art. I, s. 24, State Constitution and ch. 119, F.S.

In addition, the bill also exempts from public records requirements the places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former commissioners and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former commissioners. The bill includes the required statement of public necessity for the exemption, with the Legislature finding:

- The release of the exempted information might place the commission's current or former commissioners and their family members in danger of physical and emotional harm from disgruntled individuals whose businesses or professional practices have come under the scrutiny of the commission;
- Such persons may be subject to threats or acts of revenge because of the duties performed by the commissioners; and
- The harm that may result from the release of such personal identifying and location information outweighs the public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the information.

The exemption will be repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0