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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 3 119.07, F.S.; exempting from disclosure under 4 s. 119.07(1), F.S., and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, certain information 5 6 pertaining to county and municipal code 7 enforcement officers and their families; providing for future repeal and prior 8 9 legislative review of these exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity for 10 the exemptions; providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 15 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section 119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 16 17 119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of 18 records; exemptions.--19 (3) (i)1. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social 20 21 security numbers, and photographs of active or former law 22 enforcement personnel, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children 23 and Family Services whose duties include the investigation of 24 25 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal 26 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties 27 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, 28 and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection 29 30 and enforcement or child support enforcement, and code enforcement officers; the home addresses, telephone numbers,

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social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1). The home addresses, telephone numbers, and photographs of firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.35; the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such firefighters are exempt from subsection (1). The home addresses and telephone numbers of justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the home addresses, telephone numbers, and places of employment of the spouses and children of justices and judges; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of justices and judges are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1). The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 31 Constitution. The home addresses and home telephone numbers of

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county and municipal code inspectors and code enforcement officers are confidential and exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2. An agency that is the custodian of the personal information specified in subparagraph 1. and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 1. shall maintain the confidentiality of the personal information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written request for confidentiality to the custodial agency.

Section 2. The exemptions from section 119.07(1) and s. 24(a) of Art. I of the State Constitution which are provided under section 1 of this act are repealed effective October 2, 2006, and must be reviewed by the Legislature before that date in accordance with section 119.15, Florida Statutes, the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995.

Section 3. The Legislature finds that the exemptions provided for in section 1 of this act are a public necessity. The current exemption of names and addresses has not completely shielded the identities of the county and municipal code enforcement officers. The responsibilities of these employees regularly take them into areas of neglect, abuse, and personal danger. Citations issued in response to violations that they encounter often lead to retribution by the offenders. Their personnel files are reviewed on numerous occasions by code violators seeking information relating to the code enforcement officers and their families. The disclosure of this personal information has led to threats, acts of violence, and unwarranted risk to the officers and their families.

1	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.
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4	SENATE SUMMARY
5	Provides exemptions from public records requirements for
6	the social security numbers and photographs of county and municipal code enforcement officers and for information relating to the spouses and children of those officers.
7	Provides for future repeal and prior legislative review of these exemptions under the Open Government Sunset
8	Review Act of 1995.
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