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2 An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3 626.171, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
4 records requirements for cellular telephone numbers  
5 relating to records of certain insurance-related  
6 licensures held by the Department of Financial  
7 Services; providing retroactive applicability;  
8 providing for future legislative review and repeal of  
9 the exemptions; providing a statement of public  
10 necessity; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 626.171,  
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer  
17 representative, adjuster, service representative, or reinsurance  
18 intermediary.—

19 (8) (a) Cellular telephone numbers collected by the  
20 department pursuant to subsection (2) are exempt from s.  
21 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This  
22 exemption applies to cellular telephone numbers held by the  
23 department before, on, or after the effective date of the  
24 exemption.

25 (b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government  
26 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand  
27 repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from  
28 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

29 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public

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30 necessity that all cellular telephone numbers collected by the  
31 Department of Financial Services pursuant to s. 626.171(2),  
32 Florida Statutes, be exempt from public records requirements.  
33 The Legislature finds that the unintentional publication of such  
34 information may subject the filer to identity theft, financial  
35 harm, or other adverse impacts. Without the public records  
36 exemption, the effective and efficient administration of the  
37 electronic filing system, which is otherwise designed to  
38 increase the ease of filing records, would be hindered. For  
39 these reasons, the Legislature finds that it is a public  
40 necessity to exempt such information from public records  
41 requirements.

42       Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.