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2 An act relating to public records; creating s.
3 215.5587, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
4 records requirements for certain information contained
5 in applications and home inspection reports submitted
6 by applicants to the Department of Financial Services
7 as a part of the My Safe Florida Home Program;
8 providing retroactive applicability; providing for
9 future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
10 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
11 an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 215.5587, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 215.5587 My Safe Florida Home Program; public records
18 exemption.—

19 (1) All of the following information contained in
20 applications and home inspection reports submitted by applicants
21 as part of the My Safe Florida Home Program under s. 215.5586 is
22 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
23 Constitution:

24 (a) The components of the applicant's mailing address other
25 than the city and zip code and the applicant's name.

26 (b) Any phone number or e-mail address provided by the
27 applicant.

28 (c) Detailed descriptions and pictures of the inside and
29 outside of applicant's homes.

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30 (2) This exemption applies retroactively to applications
31 and home inspection reports submitted before, on, or after the
32 effective date of this exemption.

33 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
34 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
35 on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
36 through reenactment by the Legislature.

37 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
38 necessity that the following information contained in
39 applications and home inspection reports submitted by applicants
40 as part of the My Safe Florida Home Program be made exempt from
41 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
42 State Constitution: an applicant's name, certain components of
43 his or her mailing address, an applicant's phone number or e-
44 mail address, as well as descriptions and pictures of the inside
45 and outside of an applicant's home. The Legislature further
46 finds that it is a public necessity that the public records
47 exemption be applied retroactively. More than 99 percent of all
48 home inspections and grant applications are completed
49 electronically or by phone. Under current law, My Safe Florida
50 Home Program applications and home inspection reports are public
51 records and can be obtained by anyone for any purpose. This
52 information is unique to each individual and can be used for
53 identity theft, consumer scams, unwanted solicitations, or other
54 invasive contact. Additionally, My Safe Florida Home Program
55 applications and home inspection reports contain detailed
56 descriptions and pictures of the inside and outside of
57 applicants' homes, including private areas, points of entry, and
58 other vulnerabilities. The public availability of this

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59 information puts participants in the My Safe Florida Home
60 Program at increased risk of home invasions and reduces privacy
61 in their homes. These risks may be significantly limited by
62 making such information contained in My Safe Florida Home
63 Program applications and home inspection reports exempt from
64 public records requirements.

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