

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071,
 3 F.S.; creating an exemption from public records
 4 requirements for U.S. Census Bureau address information
 5 held by an agency; providing an exception to the
 6 exemption; authorizing access to other confidential or
 7 exempt information; providing for future review and repeal
 8 of the exemption; providing a statement of public
 9 necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of
 14 section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
 16 public records.--

17 (1) AGENCY ADMINISTRATION.--

18 (g)1. U.S. Census Bureau address information, which
 19 includes maps showing structure location points, agency records
 20 verifying addresses, and agency records identifying address
 21 errors or omissions, held by an agency pursuant to the Local
 22 Update of Census Addresses Program, Title XIII of the United
 23 States Code, are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
 24 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

25 2. Such information may be released to another agency or
 26 governmental entity in the furtherance of its duties and
 27 responsibilities under the Local Update of Census Addresses
 28 Program.

29 3. An agency performing duties and responsibilities under
 30 the Local Update of Census Addresses Program shall have access to
 31 any other confidential or exempt information held by another
 32 agency if such access is necessary in order to perform its duties
 33 and responsibilities under the program.

34 4. This exemption is subject to the open Government Sunset
 35 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
 36 October 2, 2012, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
 37 reenactment by the Legislature.

38 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
 39 necessity that U.S. Census Bureau address information, which
 40 includes maps showing structure location points, agency records
 41 verifying addresses, and agency records identifying address
 42 errors or omissions, held by an agency be made confidential and
 43 exempt from public records requirements. Pursuant to the Local
 44 Update Census Addresses Program, Title XIII of the United States
 45 Code, U.S. Census Bureau address information must be kept
 46 confidential. Further, all individuals directly involved in
 47 reviewing such information and any individuals with access to
 48 such information are required to sign a confidentiality agreement
 49 to preserve the confidentiality of the address information.
 50 Without this exemption, agencies would be prevented from
 51 participating in the program. As such, the effective and
 52 efficient administration of the Local Update Census Addresses
 53 Program would be hindered at the federal level. Further, it could
 54 result in a negative fiscal impact on the state.

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