

Committee on Banking and Insurance

CS/CS/SB 988 — Public Records/My Safe Florida Home Program

by Rules Committee; Banking and Insurance Committee; and Senator Martin

The bill provides that certain information within applications and home inspection reports submitted by applicants as part of the My Safe Florida Home Program to the Department of Financial Services is exempt from s. 119.07(1), F.S., and s. 24(a), Art. I, State Constitution. The information made exempt by the bill is:

- The components of the applicant's mailing address other than the city, zip code, and the addressee's name;
- Any phone number or email address provided by the applicant; and
- Detailed descriptions and pictures of the inside and outside of applicants' homes.

The bill applies the exemption retroactively to applications and home inspection reports submitted before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption.

The bill provides a statement of public necessity as required by the State Constitution. The exemption is necessitated because it is believed that public availability of this information puts participants in the MSFH Program at increased risk of home invasions and reduces privacy in their homes. Such risk may be significantly limited by making such information exempt.

The bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will be repealed on October 2, 2029, unless the statute is reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature before that date.

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

Vote: Senate 35-1; House 115-0