

27 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
28 repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from
29 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

30 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
31 necessity that information about the location of safe houses and
32 safe foster homes held by an agency, as defined in s. 119.011,
33 Florida Statutes, be made confidential and exempt from s.
34 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
35 State Constitution. Safe houses and safe foster homes are
36 intended as refuges for sexually exploited victims from those
37 who exploited them. If the individuals who victimized these
38 people were able to learn the location of such safe houses, they
39 may attempt to contact their victims, exploit their
40 vulnerabilities, and return them to the situations in which they
41 were victimized. Even without the return of these victims to
42 their former situations, additional contact with those who
43 victimized them would have the effect of continuing their
44 victimization and inhibiting their recoveries. Additionally,
45 knowledge about the location of safe houses and safe foster
46 homes could enable other individuals to locate and attempt to
47 victimize the residents. Therefore, it is the finding of the
48 Legislature that such information must be made confidential and
49 exempt from public disclosure.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date
51 that HB 1017 or similar legislation relating to human
52 trafficking takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the

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53 | same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a
54 | law.