

House Bill No. 7049

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act regarding the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office; amending s. 626.921, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for information furnished to the Department of Financial Services by surplus lines agents, information contained in records of surplus lines agents subject to examination by the department, and information furnished to the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office under the Surplus Lines Law; making editorial changes; removing superfluous language; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 626.921, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

626.921 Florida Surplus Lines Service Office.—

(8)(a) Information furnished to the department under s. 626.923 or contained in the records subject to examination by the department under s. 626.930 is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution if the disclosure of the information would reveal information specific to a particular policy or policyholder. The exemption does not apply to any proceeding instituted by the department or office against an agent or insurer.

(b) Information furnished to the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office under the Surplus Lines Law is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution if the disclosure of the information would reveal information specific to a particular policy or policyholder. This exemption does not prevent the disclosure of any information by The Florida Surplus Lines Service Office may provide such information to the department in the furtherance of its duties and responsibilities, but the exemption applies to records obtained by the department from the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office. The exemption does not apply to any proceeding instituted by the department or office against an agent or insurer. ~~This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 12, 2006.

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