CHAPTER 2006-108

House Bill No. 7023

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act regarding medical facility terrorism response information; amending s. 381.95, F.S.; reorganizing provisions, making editorial changes, and removing superfluous language; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 381.95, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.95 Medical facility information maintained for terrorism response purposes; confidentiality.—

- (1) Any information identifying or describing the name, location, pharmaceutical cache, contents, capacity, equipment, physical features, or capabilities of individual medical facilities, storage facilities, or laboratories established, maintained, or regulated by the Department of Health as part of the state's plan to defend against an act of terrorism as defined in s. 775.30 is exempt from the requirements of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The certification by the Governor of the sufficiency of any location, pharmaceutical cache, contents, capacity, equipment, physical features, or capabilities of individual medical facilities, storage facilities, or laboratories established, maintained, or regulated by the Department of Health as part of the state's plan to defend against an act of terrorism is a public record. This exemption is remedial in nature, and it is the intent of the Legislature that this exemption apply be applied to information held received by the Department of Health before, on, or after the effective date of this section.
- (2) Information made exempt by this section may be disclosed by the custodial agency to another state or federal agency in order to prevent, detect, guard against, respond to, investigate, or manage the consequences of any attempted or actual act of terrorism, or to prosecute those responsible for such attempts or acts, and the exempt status of such information shall be retained while in the possession of the receiving agency. This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
- (3) The certification by the Governor of the sufficiency of any location, pharmaceutical cache, contents, capacity, equipment, physical features, or capabilities of individual medical facilities, storage facilities, or laboratories established, maintained, or regulated by the Department of Health as part of the state's plan to defend against an act of terrorism is a public record.

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

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2006.

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