



Exempt Names of Law Enforcement Spouses and Children

Current law exempts from public record the names of spouses and children of the following occupations, current or former:

- Human resource directors,
- Code enforcement officers,
- Guardian ad litem,
- Investigators or inspectors from DBPR, and
- Tax collectors.

These occupations can sometimes have negative interactions with the public. However, law enforcement officers deal with violent offenders on a daily basis, and many of these offenders may not only threaten the law enforcement officer, but often threaten his or her family.

The Legislature has previously identified that the spouses and children of law enforcement personnel are at risk and have taken measures to exempt many personal identifiers like their home addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, birth dates, photographs, and places of employment, school, or day care – however, their names are not. HB 731 and SB 376 makes the names of the spouses and children of active or former sworn and civilian law enforcement personnel exempt from public record consistent with other occupations.

This bill provides for an exemption and does not make the information confidential. If both of the spouses or the child work for the same agency then the name would not be exempt as the names of current and former law enforcement personnel are public and remain public.

If the name is held by another agency, then it is the responsibility of the individual to request that information be exempt- it is not an automatic exemption.

Support SB 376 by Senator Hays and HB 731 by Representative Kerner

