

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 667

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE POCHE.

1615H.04I

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 105.1500, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the personal privacy protection act, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 105.1500, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 105.1500, to read as follows:

105.1500. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as "The Personal Privacy Protection Act".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Personal information", any list, record, register, registry, roll, roster, or other compilation of data of any kind that directly or indirectly identifies a person as a member, supporter, or volunteer of, or donor of financial or nonfinancial support to, any entity exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(2) "Public agency", the state and any political subdivision thereof including, but not limited to, any department, agency, office, commission, board, division, or other entity of state government; any county, city, township, village, school district, community college district; or any other local governmental unit, agency, authority, council, board, commission, state or local court, tribunal or other judicial or quasi-judicial body.

3. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, but subject to the exceptions listed under subsection 4 of this section, a public agency shall not:

(a) Require any individual to provide the public agency with personal information or otherwise compel the release of personal information;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (b) Require any entity exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) of
19 the Internal Revenue Code to provide the public agency with personal information or
20 otherwise compel the release of personal information;

21 (c) Release, publicize, or otherwise publicly disclose personal information in
22 possession of a public agency; or

23 (d) Request or require a current or prospective contractor or grantee with the public
24 agency to provide the public agency with a list of entities exempt from federal income
25 taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to which it
26 has provided financial or nonfinancial support.

27 (2) All personal information in the possession of a public agency shall be considered
28 a closed record under chapter 610 and court operating rules.

29 4. The provisions of this section shall not preclude any individual or entity from being
30 required to comply with any of the following:

31 (1) Submitting any report or disclosure required by this chapter or chapter 130;

32 (2) Responding to any lawful request or subpoena for personal information from the
33 Missouri ethics commission as a part of an investigation, or publicly disclosing personal
34 information as a result of an enforcement action from the Missouri ethics commission
35 pursuant to its authority in sections 105.955 to 105.966;

36 (3) Responding to any lawful warrant for personal information issued by a court of
37 competent jurisdiction;

38 (4) Responding to any lawful request for discovery of personal information in
39 litigation if:

40 (a) The requestor demonstrates a compelling need for the personal information by
41 clear and convincing evidence; and

42 (b) The requestor obtains a protective order barring disclosure of personal
43 information to any person not named in the litigation;

44 (5) Applicable court rules or admitting any personal information as relevant evidence
45 before a court of competent jurisdiction. However, a submission of personal information to a
46 court shall be made in a manner that it is not publicly revealed and no court shall publicly
47 reveal personal information absent a specific finding of good cause; or

48 (6) Any report or disclosure required by state law to be filed with the secretary of
49 state, provided that personal information obtained by the secretary of state is otherwise
50 subject to the requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of this section,
51 unless expressly required to be made public by state law.

52 5. (1) A person or entity alleging a violation of **that person's or entity's personal**
53 **privacy pursuant to** this section may bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief,

54 damages, or both. Damages awarded under this section may include one of the following, as
55 appropriate:

56 (a) A sum of moneys not less than two thousand five hundred dollars to compensate
57 for injury or loss caused by each violation of this section; or

58 (b) For an intentional violation of this section, a sum of moneys not to exceed three
59 times the sum described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

60 (2) A court, in rendering a judgment in an action brought under this section, may
61 award all or a portion of the costs of litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees and
62 witness fees, to the complainant in the action if the court determines that the award is
63 appropriate.

64 (3) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

65 **6. This section shall not apply to:**

66 **(1) Personal information that a person or an entity exempt from federal income**
67 **taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code submits or has previously**
68 **submitted to a public agency for the purpose of seeking and/or obtaining, including**
69 **acting on behalf of another to seek and/or obtain, a contract, grant, permit, license,**
70 **benefit, tax credit, incentive, status, or any other similar item, including a renewal of the**
71 **same;**

72 **(2) A disclosure of personal information amongst law enforcement agencies**
73 **pursuant to an active investigation;**

74 **(3) A disclosure of personal information voluntarily made as part of public**
75 **comment or in a public meeting by an entity or the representatives of an entity exempt**
76 **from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;**

77 **(4) A disclosure of personal information to a labor union or employee association**
78 **regarding employees in a bargaining unit represented by the union or association; or**

79 **(5) A disclosure of personal information voluntarily provided for the purpose of**
80 **public outreach, marketing, education, or other public-facing communications intended**
81 **to show appreciation, inform and or educate.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the ability of non-profit
2 entities to interact with public agencies and restore transparency to governmental contracts,
3 grant programs, and other similar items, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared
5 to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall
6 be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

✓