



HOUSE BILL 797: Alarm Registration Info Not Public Record

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 797 would exempt from the definition of public record any registration or sensitive security information received or compiled by a city pursuant to an alarm registration ordinance.*

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 132 of the General Statutes governs public records and makes all documents of a public entity that are not specifically excluded a public record.

Public records are "all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, photographs, films, sound recordings, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data-processing records, artifacts, or other documentary material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance in connection with the transaction of public business by any agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions."

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 797 would exempt from the public records law any registration or sensitive security information received or compiled by a city pursuant to an alarm registration ordinance. An alarm registration ordinance is "an ordinance adopted by a city that requires owners of a security, burglar, fire, or similar alarm system to register with the city."

Information that would be exempted from the definition of a public record includes registration information (including the name, home and business telephone number, and any other personal identifying information provided by an applicant pursuant to an alarm registration ordinance) and any sensitive security information pertaining to an applicant's alarm system (including residential or office blueprints, alarm system schematics, and similar drawings or diagrams).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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