



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 5**

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Senate Bill No. 204

*Senate, March 6, 2008*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) No public agency may disclose, under the Freedom of  
4 Information Act, the residential address of any of the following  
5 persons:

6 (1) A federal court judge, federal court magistrate, judge of the  
7 Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, or  
8 family support magistrate;

9 (2) A sworn member of a municipal police department or a sworn  
10 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public  
11 Safety;

12 (3) An employee of the Department of Correction;

13 (4) An attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state  
14 in a criminal prosecution;

15 (5) An attorney-at-law who is or has been employed by the Public  
16 Defender Services Division or a social worker who is employed by the  
17 Public Defender Services Division;

18 (6) An inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice;

19 (7) A firefighter;

20 (8) An employee of the Department of Children and Families;

21 (9) A member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles;

22 (10) An employee of the judicial branch; [or]

23 (11) An employee of the Department of Mental Health and  
24 Addiction Services who provides direct care to patients; or

25 [(11)] (12) A member or employee of the Commission on Human  
26 Rights and Opportunities.

27 (b) The business address of any person described in this section  
28 shall be subject to disclosure under section 1-210 of the 2008  
29 supplement to the general statutes. The provisions of this section shall  
30 not apply to Department of Motor Vehicles records described in  
31 section 14-10 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-217

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

This bill, which makes revisions to the Freedom of Information Act with regards to the disclosure of residential addresses of certain employees of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 204*****AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services employees who provide direct care to patients to the list of public employees whose residential addresses are exempt from disclosure by public agencies, other than the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Employees Whose Residential Addresses are Exempt***

FOIA prohibits public agencies, other than the DMV, from disclosing the home, but not business, address of the following employees: federal court judges and magistrates; state judges; family support magistrates; state and municipal police; Department of Correction employees; past or present state prosecutors; past or present public defenders; Criminal Justice Division inspectors; firefighters; Department of Children and Families employees; Board of Pardons and Paroles members or employees; Judicial Branch employees; and members or employees of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

***DMV Records***

By law, personal information in DMV records is generally disclosable to government agencies or anyone who agrees to use it for specified limited purposes.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11    Nay 0    (02/25/2008)