



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 280**

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Senate Bill No. 615

*Senate, March 31, 2008*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICERS.***

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 Section 1-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 or a sworn law enforcement officer within the Department of  
12 Environmental Protection;

- 13 (3) An employee of the Department of Correction;
  - 14 (4) An attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state  
15 in a criminal prosecution;
  - 16 (5) An attorney-at-law who is or has been employed by the Public  
17 Defender Services Division or a social worker who is employed by the  
18 Public Defender Services Division;
  - 19 (6) An inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice;
  - 20 (7) A firefighter;
  - 21 (8) An employee of the Department of Children and Families;
  - 22 (9) A member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles;
  - 23 (10) An employee of the judicial branch; or
  - 24 (11) A member or employee of the Commission on Human Rights  
25 and Opportunities.
- 26 (b) The business address of any person described in this section  
27 shall be subject to disclosure under section 1-210 of the 2008  
28 supplement to the general statutes. The provisions of this section shall  
29 not apply to Department of Motor Vehicles records described in  
30 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

**ENV**      *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:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Freedom of Inf. Com.; Department of Environmental Protection	GF - None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which adds conservation officers from the Department of Environmental Protection to those employees whose residential addresses are not publicly disclosable by state and local government agencies under the Freedom of Information Act, will have no cost to the state.

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 615*****AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
POLICE OFFICERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sworn law enforcement officers (conservation officers) to the people whose home addresses are not publicly disclosable by state and local government agencies under the Freedom of Information Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE**

The Freedom of Information Act prohibits state and local government agencies from disclosing to the public the home addresses of certain specified local, state, and federal employees, with one exception. The prohibition does not apply to personal information, including home addresses, in Department of Motor Vehicles records, which are disclosable to government agencies and others who obtain and agree to use the information only for limited specified purposes.

The law already covers:

1. federal and state judges, federal magistrates, and state family support magistrates;
2. state and local police officers;
3. Judicial, Department of Correction, and Department of Children and Families employees;
4. past and present state prosecutors and public defenders;

5. social workers employed by the Public Defender Services Division;
6. Division of Criminal Justice inspectors;
7. firefighters;
8. Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities members and employees; and
9. Board of Pardons and Paroles members.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

## Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27    Nay 0    (03/12/2008)