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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 211

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 589.660 and 589.663, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the address confidentiality program administered by the secretary of state.

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

Section A. Sections 589.660 and 589.663, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 589.660, 589.663, and 1, to read as follows:

589.660. As used in sections 589.660 to 589.681, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Address", a residential street address, school address, or work address of a person, as specified on the person's application to be a program participant;
 - (2) "Application assistant", an employee of a state or local agency, or of a nonprofit program that provides counseling, referral, shelter, or other specialized service to victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, **human trafficking,** or stalking, who has been designated by the respective agency or program, and who has been trained and registered by the secretary of state to assist individuals in the completion of program participation applications;
 - (3) "Designated address", the address assigned to a program participant by the secretary;
- 10 (4) "Mailing address", an address that is recognized for delivery by the United States 11 Postal Service;
 - (5) "Program", the address confidentiality program established in section 589.663;
- 13 (6) "Program participant", a person certified by the secretary of state as eligible to 14 participate in the address confidentiality program;
 - (7) "Secretary", the secretary of state.

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- 589.663. There is created in the office of the secretary of state a program to be known
- as the "Address Confidentiality Program" to protect victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, **human trafficking**, or stalking by authorizing the use of designated addresses for such
 - 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.

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victims and their minor children. The program shall be administered by the secretary under the following application and certification procedures: 5

- (1) An adult person, a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor, or a guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person may apply to the secretary to have a designated address assigned by the secretary to serve as the person's address or the address of the minor or incapacitated person;
- (2) The secretary may approve an application only if it is filed with the office of the secretary in the manner established by rule and on a form prescribed by the secretary. A completed application shall contain:
- (a) The application preparation date, the applicant's signature, and the signature and registration number of the application assistant who assisted the applicant in applying to be a program participant;
- 16 (b) A designation of the secretary as agent for purposes of service of process and for receipt of first-class mail, legal documents, and certified mail; 17
- (c) A sworn statement by the applicant that the applicant has good reason to believe that 19 he or she:
- 20 a. Is a victim of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, **human trafficking**, or stalking; 21 and
 - b. Fears further violent acts from his or her assailant;
 - (d) The mailing address where the applicant may be contacted by the secretary or a designee and the telephone number or numbers where the applicant may be called by the secretary or the secretary's designee; and
 - (e) One or more addresses that the applicant requests not be disclosed for the reason that disclosure will jeopardize the applicant's safety or increase the risk of violence to the applicant or members of the applicant's household;
- 29 (3) Upon receipt of a properly completed application, the secretary may certify the 30 applicant as a program participant. A program participant is certified for four years following the date of initial certification unless the certification is withdrawn or cancelled before that date. 31 32 The secretary shall send notification of lapsing certification and a reapplication form to a 33 program participant at least four weeks prior to the expiration of the program participant's 34 certification;
- 35 (4) The secretary shall forward first class mail, legal documents, and certified mail to the 36 appropriate program participants.
 - Section 1. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, a sheriff may issue a concealed carry permit bearing a numerical designation in place of a name and showing a non-permanent address to any person qualified to obtain such permit who is

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4 also a current member of the safe at home restricted address program operated by the office of the secretary of state. The sheriff may require confirmation of membership in such program and may contact the office of secretary of state to verify the participation of the applicant. The office of secretary of state shall provide confirmation of membership in the safe at home program to a sheriff upon request.

- 2. For purposes of federal background checks required to obtain a concealed carry permit, a sheriff shall require the actual name and permanent residence of an applicant for a concealed carry permit without regard to whether such applicant is a member of the safe at home program. The applicant's actual name and permanent address will be used to conduct all criminal background checks required for a concealed carry permit.
- 3. A qualified instructor offering a class meeting the requirements for a concealed carry permit in this state shall accept a numerical designation in place of a name and the nonpermanent address used by any person who is a member of the safe at home restricted address program and shall issue verification of the class with a numerical designation and the address used in the safe at home program so that the sheriff may verify an applicant's completion of the required course.
- 4. Any sheriff's office issuing a permit under this section shall retain actual identifying information and a permanent residence for the applicant so that the permit designation may be properly matched to the individual identifying information by law enforcement agencies.
- 5. The office of secretary of state and any sheriff's office may release the personal identifying information on any holder of a concealed carry permit who is also a member of the safe at home program to state or federal law enforcement if such release is otherwise authorized by law.