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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain domestic abuse
2 records.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 22.7, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. Real estate records which identify
4 the location of a facility providing emergency shelter
5 services pursuant to chapter 236.

6 Sec. 2. Section 236.10, subsection 3, Code 2001, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 3. ~~The~~ Until a domestic abuse case is complete and the
9 time for appeal has expired, the entire file or a portion of
10 the file in a domestic abuse the case shall be closed to all
11 but the court and its officers. After that time the entire
12 file or a portion of the file shall be sealed by the clerk of
13 court as ordered by the court to protect the privacy interest
14 or safety of any person.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill amends Code sections 22.7 and 236.10 relating to
17 the confidentiality of certain domestic abuse records.

18 The bill creates a new subsection in Code section 22.7
19 providing that real estate records which identify the location
20 of emergency shelters for victims of domestic abuse shall be
21 confidential.

22 The bill amends Code section 236.10 to provide that the
23 entire file in a domestic abuse case shall be closed to all
24 but the court and its officers until complete and after the
25 time for appeal has expired. Current law provides that the
26 entire file or a portion of the file in a domestic abuse case
27 shall be sealed by the clerk of court as ordered by the court
28 to protect the privacy or safety interest of any person.

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