

SENATE BILL NO. 168

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 44:3.5, relative to public records; to exempt certain records of the Department
3 of Agriculture and Forestry from the Public Records Law; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 44:3.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§3.5. Records of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry**

8 **Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require the disclosure of**
9 **records, or the information contained therein, held by the Department of**
10 **Agriculture and Forestry, which records are:**

11 **(1) Held by the forestry officers and livestock brand inspectors**
12 **pertaining to pending criminal litigation or any criminal litigation which can be**
13 **reasonably anticipated, until such litigation has been finally adjudicated or**
14 **otherwise settled.**

15 **(2) Pertaining to the Medical Marijuana Program containing the internal**
16 **procedures, security procedures, security plans, transportation plans, and**
17 **proprietary information of a licensee.**

18 **(3) Emergency Preparedness information specifically pertaining to the**
19 **location of emergency fuel and the identity of pets and pet owners during a**
20 **declared emergency.**

21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
22 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
23 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____