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H 1124. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SECURITY ACT. TO ESTABLISH A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' SECURITY PROGRAM TO PROTECT THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OR PUBLICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR SUCH DISTRIBUTION OR PUBLICATION. Adds new GS Ch. 17F with stated purpose of providing law enforcement officers and their families with the ability to shield personal information from release to the public. Establishes a program in each state and local law enforcement agency. Allows officer to participate in such program and officer then entitled to use the law enforcement agency's address as his or her address for purpose of receiving mail. Specifies procedures to enroll and to withdraw or to be expelled from program. Provides for specific procedures to be used by elections board, property tax office, registers of deeds and public schools, in manner that limits access to the shielded information. Prohibits distribution of shielded information and makes violation a class 1 misdemeanor, and authorizes release pursuant to court order. Prohibits publication of shielded information or fact that person is law enforcement officer without his permission and makes violation enforceable by civil action brought either by district attorney for injunction or by officer for money damages, plus attorney fees and up to \$5000 in punitive damages. Effective Jan. 1, 2004.

Intro. by Justice.

Ref. to Ways & Means	GS 1A, 17F, 115C, 132, 163
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