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## Evans Bills Helps Public Safety and Government Officials Protect Themselves and Families at Home from Intimidation or Attack

**(SACRAMENTO)** A bill authored by Assemblymember Noreen Evans (D-Santa Rosa) passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday evening that will help public safety and government officials keep their personal home addresses and phone numbers private.

AB 1595 passed with a vote of 5-0. It now passes to the Senate Public Safety Committee.

"Anyone with internet access can find the home address and telephone numbers of public safety and elected officials," said Evans. "Those who serve their fellow citizens should be able to do so without their families at home becoming the target of intimidation or an attack. Sadly, this threat is very real."

Various websites specialize in providing this information and the harmful intentions of some are self-evident. [www.killercop.com](http://www.killercop.com) - now inoperable - offered a cash reward with no questions asked for the death or home addresses of two LAPD officers. Another currently inoperable website, [www.justicefiles.org](http://www.justicefiles.org), fostered vigilantism by providing names, addresses, phone numbers, and social security numbers of police officers.

To keep this information from aggrieved individuals seeking to intimidate or exact revenge, AB 1595 enables public safety and government officials to prevent individuals, businesses, and associations from publicly posting their home addresses and phone numbers once a written confidentiality request is submitted.

"This bill specifically provides public servants – such as judges, district attorneys, public defenders, sheriffs, police, mayors, city attorneys, city council members, and boards of supervisors – with a statutory basis to obtain a court order mandating that this information be removed from a website operating under questionable intentions," added Evans. "Typically, it takes approximately one week to a month to obtain such a court order."

This bill originated in the January 2004 findings of California's Public Safety Officials' Home Protection Advisory Task Force. Chaired by the Attorney General, it included representatives from the Department of Justice, the California Highway Patrol, the Office of Privacy Protection, the judicial and criminal justice community, state recorders and assessors, and the business community.

AB 1595 is supported by the Judicial Council of California, the California District Attorneys Association; the California Association of Public Defenders, the California Judges Association, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the Peace Officers Research Association of California, LA County District Attorney, LA County Police Chiefs Association, LA County Sheriff, San Bernardino County Sheriff, Whittier Police Department, and the California Alliance for Consumer Protection.

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