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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to addresses used by persons seeking relief from
2 domestic abuse.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 236.3, subsections 1 and 2, Code 1999,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. Name of the plaintiff and the name and address of the
4 plaintiff's attorney, if any. If the plaintiff is proceeding
5 pro se, the petition shall state a mailing address for the
6 plaintiff. A mailing address may be provided by the plaintiff
7 pursuant to section 236.10.

8 2. Name and address of the parent or guardian filing the
9 petition, if the petition is being filed on behalf of an
10 unemancipated minor. For the purposes of this chapter,
11 "plaintiff" includes a person filing an action on behalf of an
12 unemancipated minor. A mailing address may be provided by the
13 plaintiff pursuant to section 236.10.

14 Sec. 2. Section 236.10, Code 1999, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 236.10 CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS.

17 1. A person seeking relief from domestic abuse under this
18 chapter may use the address of a shelter or other agency as a
19 mailing address for purposes of filing a petition under this
20 chapter, as well as for the purpose of obtaining any utility
21 or other service.

22 2. The file in a domestic abuse case shall be sealed by
23 the clerk of court when it is complete and after the time for
24 appeal has expired. However, the clerk shall open the file
25 upon application to and order of the court for good cause
26 shown or upon request of the child support recovery unit.
27 Support payment records, whether maintained by the clerk of
28 the district court or the department of human services, are
29 public records and may be released upon request. However, a
30 payment record shall not include address or location
31 information.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill amends certain sections of Code chapter 236
34 relating to relief from domestic abuse. The bill provides
35 that the plaintiff may use the address of a shelter or other

1 agency as a mailing address for purposes of filing a petition
2 under the chapter, as well as for obtaining utility or other
3 services.

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