

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 2006 (P.L.281, No.60), entitled "An  
2 act relating to confidentiality of Social Security numbers;  
3 and making a related repeal," further providing for privacy  
4 of Social Security numbers.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1(a) and (c) of the act of June 29, 2006  
8 (P.L.281, No.60), entitled "An act relating to confidentiality  
9 of Social Security numbers; and making a related repeal," are  
10 amended to read:

11 Section 1. Privacy of Social Security numbers.

12 (a) General rule.--A person or entity or State agency or  
13 political subdivision shall not do any of the following:

14 (1) Publicly post or publicly display in any manner an  
15 individual's Social Security number. "Publicly post" or  
16 "publicly display" means to intentionally communicate or  
17 otherwise make available to the general public.

18 (2) Print an individual's Social Security number on any  
19 card required for the individual to access products or

1 services provided by the person, entity or State agency or  
2 political subdivision.

3 (3) Require an individual to transmit his or her Social  
4 Security number over the Internet unless the connection is  
5 secure or the Social Security number is encrypted.

6 (4) Require an individual to use his or her Social  
7 Security number to access an Internet website unless a  
8 password or unique personal identification number or other  
9 authentication device is also required to access the website.

10 (5) Print an individual's Social Security number on any  
11 materials that are mailed to the individual unless Federal or  
12 State law requires the Social Security number to be on the  
13 document to be mailed. Notwithstanding this provision, Social  
14 Security numbers may be included in applications and forms  
15 sent by mail, including documents sent as part of an  
16 application or enrollment process or to establish, amend or  
17 terminate an account, contract or policy or to confirm the  
18 accuracy of the Social Security number. A Social Security  
19 number that is permitted to be mailed under this section may  
20 not be printed, in whole or in part, on a postcard or other  
21 mailer not requiring an envelope, or visible on the envelope  
22 or without the envelope having been opened.

23 (6) Disclose in any manner, except to the agency issuing  
24 the license, the Social Security number of an individual who  
25 applies for a recreational license. For the purposes of this  
26 paragraph, a "recreational license" means a license issued  
27 pursuant to 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to fish) or 34 Pa.C.S.  
28 (relating to game).

29 (7) Refuse any service, privilege or right to an  
30 individual wholly or partly in a business transaction because

1 the individual refuses to disclose or furnish the Social  
2 Security number of the individual.

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4 (c) [Exception] Exceptions.--

5 (1) A person or entity, not including a State agency or  
6 political subdivision, that has used, prior to the effective  
7 date of this section, an individual's Social Security number  
8 in a manner inconsistent with subsection (a) may continue  
9 using that individual's Social Security number in that manner  
10 on or after the effective date of this section if all of the  
11 following conditions are met:

12 (i) The use of the Social Security number is  
13 continuous. If the use is stopped for any reason,  
14 subsection (a) shall apply.

15 (ii) The individual is provided an annual  
16 disclosure, commencing in the year after the effective  
17 date of this section, that informs the individual that he  
18 or she has the right to stop the use of his or her Social  
19 Security number in a manner prohibited by subsection (a).

20 (2) An individual who receives an annual disclosure  
21 under paragraph (1) has the right to stop the use of his or  
22 her Social Security number in a manner prohibited by  
23 subsection (a) and must exercise that right by submitting a  
24 written request to the person or entity. The person or entity  
25 shall discontinue use of the individual's Social Security  
26 number within 30 days of the receipt of the request. There  
27 shall be no fee or charge for complying with the request. A  
28 person or entity shall not deny services to an individual  
29 because the individual makes a written request pursuant to  
30 this subsection.

1           (3) Subsection (a) does not apply if:

2           (i) The Social Security account number is requested  
3           for purposes of employment, including in the course of  
4           the administration of a claim, benefit or procedure  
5           related to the individual's employment by the person,  
6           including the individual's termination from employment,  
7           retirement from employment, injury suffered during the  
8           course of employment or to check on an unemployment  
9           insurance claim of the individual.

10           (ii) The Social Security account number is requested  
11           for purposes of tax compliance.

12           (4) For purposes of this subsection, the phrase  
13           "purposes of employment" does not include any activity  
14           associated with submitting or reviewing an application for  
15           employment or any other activity that occurs prior to an  
16           offer of employment being made by an employer to an  
17           individual.

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19           Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.