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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Murray, DiMario, Valverde, Burke, Quezada, Euer, and Kallman

Date Introduced: January 25, 2022

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 6-13 of the General Laws entitled "Unfair Sales Practices" is hereby

2   amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **6-13-17.1. Social Security and personal information online protection.**

4   (a) Any person or entity who collects a social security number, driver's license number, a

5   state identification card number, a credit or debit card number, a passport number, an alien

6   registration number, and/or a health insurance identification number in the course of business shall

7   be required to create a privacy protection policy which shall be published or publicly displayed.

8   For purposes of this section, "publicly displayed" includes, but is not limited to, posting on an

9   Internet webpage. Such policy shall:

10   (1) Protect the confidentiality of this personal information;

11   (2) Prohibit unlawful disclosure of this personal information; and

12   (3) Limit access to this personal information.

13   (b) Any person or entity that violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil

14   penalty of five hundred dollars ($500) for each violation; provided, such civil penalty shall not

15   exceed five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) for any single event.

16   (c) Any civil penalties received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in a restricted

17   receipt account for public education.

1   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would require all persons or entities collecting social security and other personal

2   identification numbers to create and publicly display a privacy protection policy. Violations of this

3   requirement would incur a civil penalty of five-hundred dollars ($500).

4   This act would take effect upon passage.

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