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AND SAYLOR, JANUARY 29, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 29, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the Department
3 of Public Welfare to draft regulations to ensure the
4 confidentiality of Social Security numbers on records
5 collected for use by the department, the court or the
6 domestic relations section solely for purposes of child and
7 spousal support enforcement.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
11 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

12 § 4304.2. Drafting of regulations by Department of Public
13 Welfare to ensure confidentiality of Social
14 Security numbers.

15 (a) General rule.--The Department of Public Welfare shall
16 draft rules and regulations to ensure the confidentiality of
17 Social Security numbers on records or applications for a

1 professional or occupational license or certification; driver's
2 permit; driver's license, including a commercial driver's
3 license; recreational license; marriage license; divorce decree;
4 support order; paternity determination or acknowledgments of
5 paternity or other like records; records relating to death,
6 including death certificates; employment records; or other
7 records collected by law for use by the department, the court or
8 the domestic relations section solely for purposes of child and
9 spousal support enforcement, except for when otherwise provided
10 for by law.

11 (b) Collection on separate form.--Any governmental agency or
12 employer required to collect Social Security numbers on records
13 or applications for professional or occupational licenses or
14 certifications; driver's permits; driver's licenses, including
15 commercial driver's licenses; recreational licenses; marriage
16 licenses; divorce decrees; support orders; paternity
17 determinations or acknowledgments of paternity or other such
18 records; records relating to death, including death
19 certificates; employment records; or other records collected by
20 law for use by the department, the court or the domestic
21 relations section solely for purposes of child and spousal
22 support enforcement shall collect those Social Security numbers
23 on a separate form not open to public inspection or
24 dissemination until the department develops the rules and
25 regulations to ensure the confidentiality of Social Security
26 numbers, except for when otherwise provided for by law.

27 (c) Identifying numbers.--The department shall draft rules
28 and regulations for the use of identifying numbers, other than
29 Social Security numbers, for use on all records collected by law
30 for use by the department, the court or the domestic relations

1 section solely for purposes of child and spousal support and
2 enforcement, for individuals who do not have Social Security
3 numbers. Any governmental agency or employer may use established
4 identifying numbers, such as Federal employee identification
5 numbers, Federal visa numbers, local property and other tax
6 numbers, driver's licenses or vehicle registrations to provide
7 identification for the person until the department drafts its
8 rules and regulations.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.