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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHITE, ROBBINS, WOZNIAK, LEMMOND, GERLACH AND HART,  
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REFERRED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, JUNE 11, 1998

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to  
2     revise the requirement that applicants for hunting and  
3     fishing licenses provide their Social Security numbers.

4     WHEREAS, Section 466(a)(13) of the Social Security Act (49  
5 Stat.620, 42 U.S.C. § 666(a)(13)) requires each state to have in  
6 place laws requiring applicants for recreational licenses, such  
7 as hunting and fishing licenses, to provide their Social  
8 Security numbers; and

9     WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has implemented  
10 this Federal mandate through the act of December 16, 1997,  
11 (P.L.549, No.58); and

12     WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly supports  
13 all effective mechanisms to encourage payment of child support  
14 obligations; and

15     WHEREAS, Requiring applicants for hunting and fishing  
16 licenses to provide their Social Security numbers does not  
17 appear to enhance effective enforcement of child support  
18 obligations inasmuch as hunting and fishing license records are

1 not retrievable by reference to the Social Security numbers; and

2 WHEREAS, The vast majority of hunting and fishing licenses  
3 are sold not by government agencies but by private businesses  
4 ranging in size from large department stores to small bait and  
5 outdoor shops; and

6 WHEREAS, Imposing the requirement to collect Social Security  
7 number information on the businesses that sell hunting and  
8 fishing licenses unduly complicates the license issuance  
9 transaction; and

10 WHEREAS, Many purchasers of hunting and fishing licenses  
11 object to disclosure of their Social Security numbers to the  
12 private businesses that sell these licenses; and

13 WHEREAS, The legitimate privacy concerns expressed by many  
14 purchasers of hunting and fishing licenses from private  
15 businesses need to be addressed; and

16 WHEREAS, Collection of Social Security numbers from  
17 applicants for hunting and fishing licenses does not aid in  
18 effective enforcement of child support obligations but does  
19 unduly inconvenience both the sellers and purchasers of these  
20 licenses and raises legitimate concerns about protection of  
21 personal information; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
23 memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to  
24 eliminate the requirement that states require applicants for  
25 hunting and fishing licenses to provide their Social Security  
26 numbers.