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AND STACK, APRIL 29, 2002

REFERRED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, APRIL 29, 2002

AN ACT

1 Relating to confidentiality of Social Security numbers.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Privacy of Social Security numbers.

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

7 (1) Publicly post or publicly display in any manner an
8 individual's Social Security number. "Publicly post" or
9 "publicly display" means to intentionally communicate or
10 otherwise make available to the general public.

11 (2) Print an individual's Social Security number on any
12 card required for the individual to access products or
13 services provided by the person, entity or State agency or
14 political subdivision.

15 (3) Require an individual to transmit his or her Social
16 Security number over the Internet unless the connection is

1 secure or the Social Security number is encrypted.

2 (4) Require an individual to use his or her Social
3 Security number to access an Internet World Wide Web site
4 unless a password or unique personal identification number or
5 other authentication device is also required to access the
6 World Wide Web site.

7 (5) Print an individual's Social Security number on any
8 materials that are mailed to the individual unless Federal or
9 State law requires the Social Security number to be on the
10 document to be mailed. Notwithstanding this provision,
11 applications and forms sent by mail may include Social
12 Security numbers.

13 (b) Exception.--Except as provided in subsection (c),
14 subsection (a) applies only to the use of Social Security
15 numbers on or after July 1, 2002.

16 (c) Use prior to July 1, 2002.--A person or entity, not
17 including a State agency or political subdivision, that has
18 used, prior to July 1, 2002, an individual's Social Security
19 number in a manner inconsistent with subsection (a) may continue
20 using that individual's Social Security number in that manner on
21 or after July 1, 2002, if all of the following conditions are
22 met:

23 (1) The use of the Social Security number is continuous.
24 If the use is stopped for any reason, subsection (a) shall
25 apply.

26 (2) The individual is provided an annual disclosure,
27 commencing in the year 2002, that informs the individual that
28 he or she has the right to stop the use of his or her Social
29 Security number in a manner prohibited by subsection (a).

30 (3) A written request by an individual to stop the use

1 of his or her Social Security number in a manner prohibited
2 by subsection (a) shall be implemented within 30 days of the
3 receipt of the request. There shall be no fee or charge for
4 implementing the request.

5 (4) A person or entity or State agency or political
6 subdivision shall not deny services to an individual because
7 the individual makes a written request pursuant to this
8 subsection.

9 (d) Internal verification.--This section does not prevent
10 the collection, use or release of a Social Security number as
11 required by Federal or State law or the use of a Social Security
12 number for internal verification or administrative purposes.

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect January 1, 2002.