
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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WANSACZ, WHEATLEY AND YOUNGBLOOD, AUGUST 4, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
AUGUST 4, 2003

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from
2 collecting and using Social Security numbers under certain
3 circumstances; and providing for enforcement by the Attorney
4 General.

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

7 Section 1. Use of Social Security numbers.

8 (a) General rule.--It shall be unlawful for an officer,
9 employee or agent of a State agency, department, board or
10 commission or political subdivision of the Commonwealth, acting
11 within the scope of that person's official duties, employment or
12 agency, to collect or use a Social Security number for any
13 purpose other than as authorized by the Privacy Act of 1974
14 (Public Law 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a). Any such officer, employee
15 or agent shall use only the last four digits of the person's
16 Social Security number unless the individual's complete Social

1 Security number is required by statute or other legal authority.

2 (b) Duty to inform the basis of disclosure.--Any such
3 officer, employee or agent who requests an individual to
4 disclose that individual's Social Security account number shall
5 inform that individual whether the disclosure is mandatory or
6 voluntary, by what statutory or other legal authority the number
7 is required and what uses will be made of the number. Any such
8 officer, employee or agent shall use only the last four digits
9 of the person's Social Security number unless the individual's
10 complete Social Security number is required by statute or other
11 legal authority.

12 Section 2. Enforcement.

13 The Office of Attorney General shall enforce the provisions
14 of this act by bringing an action for injunctive relief in a
15 court of competent jurisdiction.

16 Section 3. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.