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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 2005 (P.L.474, No.94), entitled  
2 "An act providing for the notification of residents whose  
3 personal information data was or may have been disclosed due  
4 to a security system breach; and imposing penalties," further  
5 providing for definitions and for notification of breach; and  
6 providing for contents and nature of notice and for storage  
7 policies.

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

10 Section 1. The definitions of "notice" and "personal  
11 information" in section 2 of the act of December 22, 2005  
12 (P.L.474, No.94), known as the Breach of Personal Information  
13 Notification Act, are amended and the section is amended by  
14 adding definitions to read:

15 Section 2. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
17 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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20 "Health insurance information." Any of the following

1 regarding an individual:

2 (1) The individual's health insurance policy number or  
3 subscriber identification number.

4 (2) A unique identifier used by a health insurer to  
5 identify the individual.

6 (3) Information in the individual's application and  
7 claims history, including any appeals records.

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9 "Medical information." Information regarding an individual's  
10 medical history, mental or physical condition, or medical  
11 treatment or diagnosis by a health care professional.

12 "Notice." May be provided by any of the following methods of  
13 notification:

14 (1) Written notice to the last known home address for  
15 the individual.

16 (2) Telephonic notice, if the customer can be reasonably  
17 expected to receive it and the notice is given in a clear and  
18 conspicuous manner, describes the incident in general terms  
19 and verifies personal information but does not require the  
20 customer to provide personal information and the customer is  
21 provided with a telephone number to call or Internet website  
22 to visit for further information or assistance.

23 (3) E-mail notice, if a prior business relationship  
24 exists and the person or entity has a valid e-mail address  
25 for the individual.

26 (4) (i) Substitute notice, if the entity demonstrates  
27 one of the following:

28 (A) The cost of providing notice would exceed  
29 \$100,000.

30 (B) The affected class of subject persons to be

1 notified exceeds 175,000.

2 (C) The entity does not have sufficient contact  
3 information.

4 (ii) Substitute notice shall consist of all of the  
5 following:

6 (A) E-mail notice when the entity has an e-mail  
7 address for the subject persons.

8 (B) Conspicuous posting of the notice on the  
9 entity's publicly accessible Internet website if the  
10 entity maintains one. The posting shall occur for a  
11 minimum of 30 days and provide a link to the notice  
12 on the home page of the website or on the first  
13 significant page after entering the website.

14 (C) Notification to major Statewide media.

15 "Personal information." As follows:

16 (1) [An] The term includes an individual's first name  
17 or first initial and last name in combination with and linked  
18 to any one or more of the following data elements when the  
19 data elements are not encrypted or redacted:

20 (i) Social Security number.

21 (ii) Driver's license number or a State  
22 identification card number issued in lieu of a driver's  
23 license.

24 (iii) Financial account number, credit or debit card  
25 number, in combination with any required security code,  
26 access code or password that would permit access to an  
27 individual's financial account.

28 (1.1) The term also includes any of the following:

29 (i) Health insurance information.

30 (ii) Medical information.

1           (iii) Educational records.

2           (iv) Income or other socioeconomic information.

3           (v) Religious information or information regarding  
4 other beliefs.

5           (vi) Information regarding food purchases.

6           (vii) Unique biometric data generated from  
7 measurements or technical analyses of human body  
8 characteristics, including, but not limited to, a  
9 fingerprint, voice print, retinal or iris image or any  
10 other unique physical representation or digital  
11 representation of biometric data.

12           (viii) Geolocation data.

13           (ix) Information or data collected through the use  
14 or operation of an automated license plate recognition  
15 system.

16           (x) A user name or e-mail address, in combination  
17 with a password or security question and answer that  
18 would permit access to an online account.

19           (2) The term does not include publicly available  
20 information that is lawfully made available to the general  
21 public from Federal, State or local government records.

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23           Section 2. Section 3(a) of the act is amended and the  
24 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

25 Section 3. Notification of breach.

26           (a) General rule.--

27           (1) An entity that maintains, stores or manages  
28 computerized data that includes personal information shall  
29 provide notice of any breach of the security of the system  
30 following discovery of the breach of the security of the

1 system to any resident of this Commonwealth whose unencrypted  
2 and unredacted personal information was or is reasonably  
3 believed to have been accessed and acquired by an  
4 unauthorized person.

5 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d) or section 4 or  
6 in order to take any measures necessary to determine the  
7 scope of the breach and to restore the reasonable integrity  
8 of the data system, the notice shall be made without  
9 unreasonable delay.

10 (3) For the purpose of this section, a resident of this  
11 Commonwealth may be determined to be an individual whose  
12 principal mailing address, as reflected in the computerized  
13 data which is maintained, stored or managed by the entity, is  
14 in this Commonwealth.

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16 (d) Notification by specific entities.--

17 (1) If a State agency is the subject of the breach of  
18 the security of the system, the State agency shall notify the  
19 following:

20 (i) The head of the State agency within two hours of  
21 the detection of the breach of the security of the  
22 system.

23 (ii) The Governor's Office of Administration and the  
24 office of Attorney General within four hours of the  
25 detection of the breach of the security of the system.

26 (2) If a political subdivision of the Commonwealth is  
27 the subject of the breach of the security of the system, the  
28 political subdivision shall notify the following:

29 (i) The head of the political subdivision of the  
30 Commonwealth within two hours of the detection of the

1 breach of the security of the system.

2 (ii) The district attorney of the county in which  
3 the political subdivision is located within three  
4 business days of the detection of the breach of the  
5 security of the system.

6 (3) If an individual or a business doing business in  
7 this Commonwealth is the subject of the breach of the  
8 security of the system, the individual or business shall  
9 notify the following:

10 (i) The district attorney of the county in which the  
11 business is located within three business days of the  
12 detection of the breach of the security of the system.

13 (ii) Individuals affected by the breach of the  
14 security of the system within 14 days of the detection of  
15 the breach of the security of the system.

16 (4) Notification under this subsection shall occur  
17 regardless of whether the notice exemption applies under  
18 section 7.

19 Section 3. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

20 Section 3.1. Contents and nature of notice.

21 (a) Mandatory contents.--Each written, e-mail or website  
22 notice under this act shall include, at a minimum, the  
23 following:

24 (1) The name and contact information of the entity  
25 providing the notice.

26 (2) The date of the notice.

27 (3) A list of the types of personal information that  
28 were or are reasonably believed to have been the subject of  
29 the breach of the security of the system.

30 (4) If possible to determine at the time the notice is

1 provided, any of the following:

2 (i) The date of the breach of the security of the  
3 system.

4 (ii) The estimated date of the breach of the  
5 security of the system.

6 (iii) The date range within which the breach of the  
7 security of the system occurred.

8 (5) A general description of the breach incident, if  
9 that information is possible to determine at the time the  
10 notice is provided.

11 (6) A statement regarding whether notice was delayed as  
12 a result of a law enforcement investigation, if that  
13 information is possible to determine at the time the notice  
14 is provided.

15 (7) The toll-free telephone numbers and addresses of the  
16 major credit reporting agencies if the breach of the security  
17 of the system exposed an individual's Social Security number,  
18 driver's license number or State identification card number  
19 issued in lieu of a driver's license.

20 (8) Information regarding the steps taken to protect the  
21 individuals whose personal information is the subject of the  
22 breach of the security of the system.

23 (9) An offer by the entity providing the notice to  
24 provide free credit reports, credit protection and identity  
25 theft protection for 12 months to each individual affected by  
26 the breach of the security of the system.

27 (10) Advice on steps that the individual affected by the  
28 breach of the security of the system may take to protect the  
29 individual.

30 (b) Mandatory format.--Each written, e-mail or website

1 notice under this act shall:

2 (1) Be written in plain language.

3 (2) Be titled "Notice of Data Breach."

4 (3) Present the information under the following

5 headings:

6 (i) "What Happened."

7 (ii) "What Information Was Involved."

8 (iii) "What We Are Doing."

9 (iv) "What You Can Do."

10 (v) "For More Information."

11 (4) Provide for the possibility of additional  
12 information to be provided as a supplement to the notice.

13 (5) Be designed to call attention to the nature and  
14 significance of the information contained in the notice.

15 (6) Display the title, headings and text of the notice  
16 in a clear and conspicuous manner.

17 (7) Provide that the text of the notice and any other  
18 written notification provided under this section be no  
19 smaller than 10-point type.

20 Section 9. Storage policies.

21 (a) Development.--The head of each State agency, whether or  
22 not under the Governor's jurisdiction, the Court Administrator  
23 of Pennsylvania and the administrators of the legislative  
24 caucuses of the Senate and House of Representatives shall  
25 develop policies for the offices under their jurisdiction to  
26 govern the safe and proper storage of computerized data  
27 containing personal information and other sensitive personally  
28 identifiable information. A goal of the policies shall be to  
29 reduce the risk of future breaches of the security of the  
30 system.



1 (b) Subject matter.--As permitted by Federal or State law or  
2 regulation, the policies developed under subsection (a) shall  
3 address:

4 (1) identifying, collecting, maintaining, displaying,  
5 restoring, protecting and transferring personally  
6 identifiable information;

7 (2) using personally identifiable information in test  
8 environments;

9 (3) remediating the negative effects concerning the  
10 breach or corruption of personally identifiable information  
11 stored on legacy systems; and

12 (4) other relevant issues.

13 (c) Considerations.--In developing the policies under  
14 subsection (a), consideration shall be given to Federal and  
15 State law and regulations, similar existing policies in other  
16 states, best practices identified by other states, relevant  
17 studies and other sources as appropriate.

18 (d) Review.--The policies developed under this section shall  
19 be reviewed at least annually and updated as necessary.

20 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 120 days.