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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JANUARY 19, 2022

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 title of act, for definitions and for
6 notification of breach; prohibiting employees of the
7 Commonwealth from using nonsecured Internet connections; and <--
8 providing for Commonwealth policy and for entities subject to
9 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
10 1996; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR NOTICE EXEMPTION. <--

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The title of the act of December 22, 2005
14 (P.L.474, No.94), known as the Breach of Personal Information
15 Notification Act, is amended to read:

AN ACT

17 Providing for security of computerized data and for the
18 notification of residents whose personal information data was
19 or may have been disclosed due to a [security system] breach <--
20 OF THE SECURITY SYSTEM; and imposing penalties. <--

21 Section 2. The definition of "personal information" in
22 section 2 of the act is amended and the section is amended by

1 adding definitions to read:

2 Section 2. Definitions.

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

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7 "Health insurance information." An individual's health
8 insurance policy number or subscriber identification number or <--
9 any medical information in an individual's insurance application
10 and claims history, including any appeals records. IN <--
11 COMBINATION WITH ACCESS CODE OR OTHER MEDICAL INFORMATION THAT
12 PERMITS MISUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.

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14 "Medical information." Any individually identifiable
15 information contained in or derived from the individual's <--
16 current or historical record of medical history or medical
17 treatment or diagnosis created by a health care professional.

18 * * *

19 "Personal information."

20 (1) An individual's first name or first initial and last
21 name in combination with and linked to any one or more of the
22 following data elements when the data elements are not
23 encrypted or redacted:

24 (i) Social Security number.

25 (ii) Driver's license number or a State
26 identification card number issued in lieu of a driver's
27 license.

28 (iii) Financial account number, credit or debit card
29 number, in combination with any required security code,
30 access code or password that would permit access to an

1 individual's financial account.

2 (iv) Medical information.

3 (v) Health insurance information.

4 (vi) A user name or e-mail address, in combination
5 with a password or security question and answer that
6 would permit access to an online account.

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

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11 "State agency contractor." A person that has a contract with
12 a State agency for goods or services and a third-party
13 contractor to the contract. SUBCONTRACTOR THAT PROVIDES GOODS OR <--
14 SERVICES FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE CONTRACT.

15 Section 3. Section 3 of the act is amended by adding
16 subsections to read:

17 Section 3. Notification of breach.

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19 (a.1) Notification by State agency or State agency
20 contractor.--

21 (1) If a State agency or State agency contractor <--
22 DETERMINES THAT IT is the subject of a breach of security of <--
23 the system, AFFECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THE <--
24 COMMONWEALTH MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR STATE AGENCY
25 CONTRACTOR, the State agency or State agency contractor shall <--
26 provide notice of the breach of security of the system <--
27 required under subsection (a) within seven days following
28 discovery DETERMINATION of the breach OR NOTIFICATION BY A <--
29 STATE AGENCY CONTRACTOR AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2).
30 Notification shall be provided CONCURRENTLY to the Office of <--

1 ~~Attorney General within three business days following~~ <--
2 ~~discovery of the breach. GENERAL.~~ <--

3 (2) A STATE AGENCY CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE CHIEF
4 INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER, OR A DESIGNEE, OF THE STATE
5 AGENCY FOR WHOM THE WORK IS PERFORMED OF A BREACH OF THE
6 SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM WITHIN SEVEN BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING
7 DETERMINATION OF THE BREACH.

8 ~~(2)~~ (3) A State agency under the Governor's jurisdiction <--
9 shall also provide notice of a breach of THE security of the <--
10 system to the Governor's Office of Administration within
11 three business days following the discovery DETERMINATION of <--
12 the breach. Notification shall occur notwithstanding the
13 existence of procedures and policies under section 7.

14 ~~(3)~~ (4) A State agency that, on the effective date of <--
15 this section, has an existing contract with a State agency
16 contractor shall use reasonable efforts to amend the contract
17 to include provisions relating to the State agency
18 contractor's compliance with this act UNLESS THE EXISTING <--
19 CONTRACT ALREADY CONTAINS BREACH OF THE SECURITY OF THE
20 SYSTEM NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

21 ~~(4)~~ (5) A State agency that, after the effective date of <--
22 this section, enters into a contract with a State agency
23 contractor shall ensure that the contract includes provisions
24 relating to the State agency contractor's compliance with
25 this act.

26 ~~(a.2) Notification by county, school district or~~ <--
27 ~~municipality. If a county, school district or municipality is~~
28 ~~the subject of a breach of security of the system, the county,~~
29 ~~school district or municipality shall provide notice of the~~
30 ~~breach of security of the system required under subsection (a)~~

1 ~~within seven days following discovery of the breach.~~
2 ~~Notification shall be provided to the district attorney in the~~
3 ~~county in which the breach occurred within three business days~~
4 ~~following discovery of the breach. Notification shall occur~~
5 ~~notwithstanding the existence of procedures and policies under~~
6 ~~section 7.~~

7 ~~(a.3) Electronic notification. In the case of a breach of~~
8 ~~the security of the system involving personal information~~
9 ~~defined in section 2 for a user name or e mail address in~~
10 ~~combination with a password or security question and answer that~~
11 ~~would permit access to an online account, the entity or State~~
12 ~~agency contractor may comply with this section by providing the~~
13 ~~security breach notification in electronic or other form that~~
14 ~~directs the person whose personal information has been breached~~
15 ~~to promptly change the person's password and security question~~
16 ~~or answer, as applicable, or to take other steps appropriate to~~
17 ~~protect the online account with the entity or State agency~~
18 ~~contractor and all other online accounts for which the person~~
19 ~~whose personal information has been breached uses the same user~~
20 ~~name or e mail address and password or security question or~~
21 ~~answer.~~

22 ~~(A.2) NOTIFICATION BY COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR~~ <--
23 ~~MUNICIPALITY.--IF A COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR MUNICIPALITY IS~~
24 ~~THE SUBJECT OF A BREACH OF THE SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM, THE~~
25 ~~COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF~~
26 ~~THE BREACH OF THE SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM REQUIRED UNDER~~
27 ~~SUBSECTION (A) WITHIN SEVEN DAYS FOLLOWING DETERMINATION OF THE~~
28 ~~BREACH. NOTIFICATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY~~
29 ~~IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE BREACH OCCURRED WITHIN THREE BUSINESS~~
30 ~~DAYS FOLLOWING DETERMINATION OF THE BREACH. NOTIFICATION SHALL~~

1 OCCUR NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXISTENCE OF PROCEDURES AND POLICIES
2 UNDER SECTION 7.

3 (A.3) ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION.--IN THE CASE OF A BREACH OF
4 THE SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM INVOLVING PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR A
5 USER NAME OR E-MAIL ADDRESS IN COMBINATION WITH A PASSWORD OR
6 SECURITY QUESTION AND ANSWER THAT WOULD PERMIT ACCESS TO AN
7 ONLINE ACCOUNT, THE STATE AGENCY, COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
8 MUNICIPALITY, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT HAS SUFFICIENT CONTACT
9 INFORMATION FOR THE PERSON, MAY COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION BY
10 PROVIDING THE BREACH OF THE SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM NOTIFICATION
11 IN ELECTRONIC OR OTHER FORM THAT DIRECTS THE PERSON WHOSE
12 PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN BREACHED TO PROMPTLY CHANGE THE
13 PERSON'S PASSWORD AND SECURITY QUESTION OR ANSWER, AS APPLICABLE
14 OR TO TAKE OTHER STEPS APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT THE ONLINE ACCOUNT
15 WITH THE STATE AGENCY, COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR MUNICIPALITY
16 AND OTHER ONLINE ACCOUNTS FOR WHICH THE PERSON WHOSE PERSONAL
17 INFORMATION HAS BEEN BREACHED USES THE SAME USER NAME OR E-MAIL
18 ADDRESS AND PASSWORD OR SECURITY QUESTION OR ANSWER.

19 (A.4) AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS.--IN THE CASE OF A BREACH OF THE
20 SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM INVOLVING PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR A USER
21 NAME OR E-MAIL ADDRESS IN COMBINATION WITH A PASSWORD OR
22 SECURITY QUESTION AND ANSWER THAT WOULD PERMIT ACCESS TO AN
23 ONLINE ACCOUNT, THE STATE AGENCY CONTRACTOR MAY COMPLY WITH THIS
24 SECTION BY PROVIDING A LIST OF AFFECTED RESIDENTS OF THIS
25 COMMONWEALTH, IF KNOWN, TO THE STATE AGENCY SUBJECT OF THE
26 BREACH OF THE SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM.

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28 Section 4. The act is amended by adding sections to read:
29 Section 5.1. Encryption required.

30 (a) General rule.--State employees and State agency

1 contractor employees shall, while working with personal
2 information on behalf of the Commonwealth or otherwise
3 conducting official business on behalf of the Commonwealth,
4 utilize encryption to protect the transmission of personal
5 information over the Internet from being viewed or modified by a<--
6 AN UNAUTHORIZED third party. <--

7 (b) Transmission policy.--The Governor's Office of
8 Administration shall develop and maintain a policy to govern the
9 proper encryption and transmission by State agencies under the
10 Governor's jurisdiction of data which includes personal
11 information.

12 Section 5.2. Commonwealth policy.

13 (a) Storage policy.--The Governor's Office of Administration
14 shall develop a policy to govern the proper storage by State
15 agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction of data which
16 includes personal information. The policy shall address
17 identifying, collecting, maintaining, displaying and
18 transferring ~~personally identifiable~~ PERSONAL information, using<--
19 ~~personally identifiable~~ PERSONAL information in test <--
20 environments, remediating ~~personally identifiable~~ PERSONAL <--
21 information stored on legacy systems and other relevant issues.
22 A goal of the policy shall be to reduce the risk of future
23 breaches of THE security of the system. <--

24 (b) Considerations.--In developing the policy, the
25 Governor's Office of Administration shall consider similar
26 existing FEDERAL AND OTHER policies in other states, best <--
27 practices identified by other states and relevant studies and
28 other sources as appropriate.

29 (c) Review and update.--The policy shall be reviewed at
30 least annually and updated as necessary.

1 Section 5.3. Entities subject to the Health Insurance
2 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.
3 Any covered entity or business associate that is subject to
4 and in compliance with the privacy and security standards for
5 the protection of electronic PERSONAL health information <--
6 established under the Health Insurance Portability and
7 Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191, 110 Stat. 1936)
8 and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical
9 Health Act (Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 226-279 and 467-496)
10 shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions of this
11 act.

12 SECTION 5. SECTION 7(B)(2) OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ: <--
13 SECTION 7. NOTICE EXEMPTION.

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15 (B) COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.--

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17 (2) AN ENTITY, A STATE AGENCY OR STATE AGENCY CONTRACTOR
18 THAT COMPLIES WITH THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OR
19 PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES OR
20 GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE ENTITY'S STATE AGENCY OR STATE
21 AGENCY CONTRACTOR'S PRIMARY OR FUNCTIONAL FEDERAL REGULATOR
22 SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ACT.

23 Section ~~5~~ 6. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 120 days. <--