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S.B. No. 611

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to printing a social security number on an identification card or other identification device.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 35, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Section 35.58 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.58. CONFIDENTIALITY OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. (a) A person may not display an individual's social security number on a card or other device required to access a product or service provided by the person.

(b) A person who violates this section is liable to the state for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$500 for each violation. The attorney general or the prosecuting attorney in the county in which the violation occurs may bring suit to recover the civil penalty imposed under this section. The attorney general may bring an action in the name of the state to restrain or enjoin a person from violating this section.

(c) This section does not apply to:

(1) the collection, use, or release of a social security number that is required by state or federal law, including Chapter 552, Government Code; or

(2) the use of a social security number for internal verification or administrative purposes.

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect January 1, 2004.

1           (b) This Act applies to a card or other device that is issued  
2 in connection with an insurance policy only if the policy is  
3 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1,  
4 2005. A card or other device issued in connection with a policy  
5 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2005,  
6 is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the  
7 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
8 that purpose.