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HOUSE BILL 998
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Short Title: State Privacy Act. (Public)

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE UNDER STATE LAW A MIRROR AS TO FEDERAL LAW ON WHEN A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CAN BE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 3F.

"State Privacy Act.

"**§ 143-64.60. State Privacy Act.**

It is unlawful for any State or local government agency to deny to any individual any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law because of such individual's refusal to disclose his social security account number.

The provisions of this section shall not apply with respect to:

(1) Any disclosure which is required or permitted by federal statute, or

(2) The disclosure of a social security number to any State or local agency maintaining a system of records in existence and operating before January 1, 1975, if such disclosure was required under statute or regulation adopted prior to such date to verify the identity of an individual.

Any State or local government agency which requests an individual to disclose his social security account number shall inform that individual whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority such number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.