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M. of A. ALFANO, BARRA -- read once and referred to the Committee on
Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to prohibiting the use
of social security numbers from being used as identification for indi-
viduals

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section
2 50-f to read as follows:
3 S 50-F. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AS IDENTIFI-
4 CATION. 1. NO ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY SHALL USE AN INDIVID-
5 UAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN ANY MANNER FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES,
6 INCLUDING:
7 (A) PUBLICLY POSTING OR PUBLICLY DISPLAYING IN ANY MANNER AN INDIVID-
8 UAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER;
9 (B) PRINTING AN INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON ANY CARD
10 REQUIRED FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TO ACCESS PRODUCTS OR SERVICES PROVIDED BY
11 THE ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY;
12 (C) REQUIRING AN INDIVIDUAL TO USE OR TRANSMIT HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECU-
13 RITY NUMBER TO ACCESS AN INTERNET WEB SITE; AND
14 (D) PRINTING AN INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON ANY MATERIALS
15 THAT ARE MAILED TO THE INDIVIDUAL, UNLESS STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OTHERWISE
16 REQUIRES THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO BE ON THE DOCUMENT TO BE MAILED.
17 2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
18 (A) "GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY" MEANS ANY AGENCY OR UNIT OF THE STATE AND
19 ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF.
20 (B) "ORGANIZATION" SHALL MEAN ANY NATURAL PERSON, CORPORATION, LIMITED
21 LIABILITY COMPANY, TRUST, UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, NOT-FOR-PROFIT

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ORGANIZATION, PARTNERSHIP, AFFILIATE OR ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL ENTITY
2 LOCATED OR DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

3 (C) "PUBLICLY POSTING" OR "PUBLICLY DISPLAYING" MEANS TO INTENTIONALLY
4 COMMUNICATE OR OTHERWISE MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

5 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
6 it shall have become a law.