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Introduced by Sen. DIAZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

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

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, 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 SECUR-  
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  
22    ORGANIZATION, PARTNERSHIP, AFFILIATE OR ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL ENTITY  
23    LOCATED OR DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

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

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1 (C) "PUBLICLY POSTING" OR "PUBLICLY DISPLAYING" MEANS TO INTENTIONALLY  
2 COMMUNICATE OR OTHERWISE MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.  
3 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
4 it shall have become a law.