## 2011-2012 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

## February 18, 2011

Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to expanding the geographical jurisdiction for crimes attendant to identify theft or unlawful possession of personal identification information

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

Section 1. Section 20.10 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

- 5. "CRIMINAL TRANSACTION." WHEN CONDUCT WHICH ESTABLISHES AT LEAST ONE OFFENSE, AND WHICH IS COMPRISED OF TWO OR MORE OR A GROUP OF ACTS EITHER (A) SO CLOSELY RELATED AND CONNECTED IN POINT OF TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCE OF COMMISSION AS TO CONSTITUTE A SINGLE CRIMINAL INCIDENT, OR (B) SO CLOSELY RELATED IN CRIMINAL PURPOSE OR OBJECTIVE AS TO CONSTITUTE ELEMENTS OR INTEGRAL PARTS OF A SINGLE CRIMINAL VENTURE.
- 9 S 2. Paragraph (1) of subdivision 4 of section 20.40 of the criminal 10 procedure law, as amended by chapter 346 of the laws of 2007, is amended 11 to read as follows:
  - (1) [An] NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBDIVISION TO THE CONTRARY, AN offense of identity theft or unlawful possession of personal identification information [may], TOGETHER WITH AN ADDITIONAL OFFENSE OR OFFENSES ARISING FROM THE SAME CRIMINAL TRANSACTION, SHALL be prosecuted (i) in any county in which part of [the] SUCH IDENTITY THEFT ON UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION offense took place regardless of whether the defendant was actually present in such county, or (ii) in the county in which the person who suffers financial loss resided at the time of the commission of [the] SUCH IDENTITY THEFT ON UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION offense, or (iii) in the county where the person whose personal identification information was used in the commission of [the] SUCH IDENTIFY THEFT ON UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

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

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offense resided at the time of the commission of the offense. The law enforcement agency of any such county shall take a police report of the matter and provide the complainant with a copy of such report at no charge.

5 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after 6 it shall have become a law.