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IN SENATE

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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:

Section 1. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section 50-f to read as follows:

§ 50-f. Prohibition on the use of social security numbers as identification. 1. No organization or governmental agency shall use an individual's social security number in any manner for identification purposes, including:

(a) publicly posting or publicly displaying in any manner an individual's social security number;

(b) printing an individual's social security number on any card required for the individual to access products or services provided by the organization or agency;

(c) requiring an individual to use or transmit his or her social security number to access an internet web site; and

(d) printing an individual's social security number on any materials that are mailed to the individual, unless state or federal law otherwise requires the social security number to be on the document to be mailed.

2. For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Governmental agency" means any agency or unit of the state and any political subdivision thereof.

(b) "Organization" shall mean any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, unincorporated association, not-for-profit organization, partnership, affiliate or any other commercial entity 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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(c) "Publicly posting" or "publicly displaying" means to intentionally communicate or otherwise make available to the general public.

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