



# House of Representatives

## File No. 618

General Assembly

February Session, 2004

(Reprint of File No. 321)

Substitute House Bill No. 5184  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedules "A" and "B"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
April 16, 2004

**AN ACT CONCERNING NONDISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE TENANT  
INFORMATION IN A SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING TO A PRIVATE  
ENTITY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No entity purchasing a  
2 housing project or a portion of a housing project from a housing  
3 authority shall disclose to the public the Social Security number or a  
4 bank account number of a tenant of said project that is contained in the  
5 tenant's lease agreement.

6 (b) No housing authority may disclose to any private person, except  
7 a purchaser of a housing project owned by the authority, the Social  
8 Security number or bank account number of any tenant of said project  
9 without the permission of such tenant.

10 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be  
11 fined not more than two hundred dollars.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |                     |
| Section 1                              | <i>from passage</i> |

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

| <b>Agency Affected</b>        | <b>Fund-Effect</b>          | <b>FY 05 \$</b> | <b>FY 06 \$</b> |
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| Resources of the General Fund | GF - Potential Revenue Gain | Minimal         | Minimal         |

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

Provisions of the bill which prohibit disclosure of certain tenant information have no fiscal impact. Any increase in revenue due to a \$200 fine for violators is anticipated to be minimal.

House "A" prohibits non-disclosure of certain information and sets a fine for violating the provisions, potentially minimally increasing revenue.

House "B" is technical and has no fiscal impact.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

sHB 5184 (as amended by House "A" and "B")\*

***AN ACT CONCERNING NONDISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE TENANT INFORMATION IN A SALE OF PUBLIC HOUSING TO A PRIVATE ENTITY*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits any entity to which a housing authority sells all or a portion of a housing project from publicly disclosing a project tenant's Social Security or bank account number contained in the tenant's lease agreement. But the bill specifies that this prohibition does not prohibit the purchasing entity from disclosing the information to a financial institution or other entity as part of the purchase.

The bill also prohibits a housing authority from disclosing a tenant's Social Security or bank account number to anyone, except the purchaser of a housing project that the authority owns, without the tenant's permission.

Under the bill, violators are fined not more than \$200.

\*House Amendment "A" deletes a prohibition on public disclosure of project tenants' "other personal data" and sets the fine for violations.

\*House Amendment "B" specifies that a purchasing entity may disclose a project tenant's Social Security and bank account numbers to a financial institution or any entity as part of the purchase.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

On April 6, the House referred the bill to the Judiciary Committee (File 321), which favorably reported it without change on April 13.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Housing

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13    Nay 0

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 11    Nay 4

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 40    Nay 0