General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5604

February Session, 2006

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AN ACT IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON REQUESTS CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.

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

Section 1. Section 42-470 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(a) For the purposes of this section, "person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company, organization or other entity, but does not include the state or any political subdivision of the state, or any agency thereof.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, **[**on and after January 1, 2005,**]** no person shall:

(1) Publicly post or publicly display in any manner an individual's Social Security number. For the purposes of this subdivision, "publicly post" or "publicly display" means to intentionally communicate or otherwise make available to the general public;

(2) Print an individual's Social Security number on any card required for the individual to access products or services provided by such person;

(3) Require an individual to transmit such individual's Social Security number over the Internet, unless the connection is secure or

18 the Social Security number is encrypted; [or]

19 (4) Require an individual to use such individual's Social Security
20 number to access an Internet web site, unless a password or unique
21 personal identification number or other authentication device is also
22 required to access the Internet web site; or

23 (5) Require an individual to provide more than the last four digits of
24 such individual's Social Security number when such number is
25 requested for the purposes of verifying the individual's identity, unless
26 such person's policies and procedures relative to the manner in which
27 such number is required to be provided does not expose such number
28 to unreasonable risk of disclosure to the general public.

29 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall apply with
30 respect to group and individual health insurance policies providing
31 coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (6), (10) and
32 (12) of section 38a-469 that are delivered, issued for delivery, amended,
33 renewed or continued on and after July 1, 2005.

34 (d) This section does not prevent the collection, use or release of a
35 Social Security number as required by state or federal law or the
36 collection, use or release of a Social Security number for [internal]
37 verification or administrative purposes.

38 (e) Any person who wilfully violates the provisions of subsection (b)
39 of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for a
40 first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for a second
41 offense, and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be
42 imprisoned not more than six months, or both, for each subsequent
43 offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2006*	42-470

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