



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5658**

February Session, 2008

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.**

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

1       Section 1. Section 42-470 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2009*):

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

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

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

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

16       (3) Require an individual to transmit such individual's Social  
17 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 his or her Social Security  
24 number as a condition of such individual's leasing, purchasing or  
25 receipt of products, goods or services.

26 (c) The provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of this section  
27 shall not apply to: (1) Products or services provided by insurance  
28 companies or state or federally licensed financial service institutions;  
29 (2) the provision of, or billing for, health care or pharmaceutical-  
30 related services and identification cards, except as specified in  
31 subsection (d) of this section; (3) credit applications; and (4) products  
32 or services provided by utility companies.

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

38 [(d)] (e) This section does not prevent the collection, use or release of  
39 a Social Security number as required by state or federal law or the use  
40 of a Social Security number for internal verification or administrative  
41 purposes.

42 [(e)] (f) Any person who wilfully violates the provisions of  
43 subsection (b) of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred  
44 dollars for a first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for a  
45 second offense, and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars  
46 or be imprisoned not more than six months, or both, for each  
47 subsequent offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	42-470
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**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*