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HOUSE BILL 998

Short Title: State Privacy Act.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pope, Walend, and Goodwin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE UNDER STATE LAW A MIRROR AS TO FEDERAL LAW
3 ON WHEN A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CAN BE REQUIRED TO BE
4 PROVIDED.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** It is unlawful for any State or local government agency to
7 deny to any individual any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law because of such
8 individual's refusal to disclose his social security account number.

9 The provisions of this section shall not apply with respect to:

- 10 (1) Any disclosure which is required or permitted by Federal statute, or
11 (2) The disclosure of a social security number to any State or local agency
12 maintaining a system of records in existence and operating before
13 January 1, 1975, if such disclosure was required under statute or
14 regulation adopted prior to such date to verify the identity of an
15 individual.

16 Any State or local government agency which requests an individual to
17 disclose his social security account number shall inform that individual whether that
18 disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority such number
19 is solicited, and what uses will be made of it.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.