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SENATE DRS85221-MA-267A (03/13)

Short Title: Judicial Department Access to SSN Information. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Snow.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT IS A BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT THAT MAY HAVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION SUBMITTED AS PART OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVERS LICENSE AND KEPT ON FILE AT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-7(b2) reads as rewritten:

"(b2) Disclosure of Social Security Number. – The social security number of an applicant is not a public record. The Division may not disclose an applicant's social security number except as allowed under federal law. A violation of the disclosure restrictions is punishable as provided in 42 U.S.C. § 408, and amendments to that law.

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 405 and 42 U.S.C. 666, and amendments thereto, the Division may disclose a social security number obtained under subsection (b1) of this section only as follows:

- (1) For the purpose of administering the drivers license laws.
- (2) To the Department of Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Program for the purpose of establishing paternity or child support or enforcing a child support order.
- (3) To the Department of Revenue for the purpose of verifying taxpayer identity.
- (4) To the Office of Indigent Defense Services of the Judicial Department for the purpose of verifying the identity of a represented client and enforcing a court order to pay for the legal services rendered."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.