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An act relating to privacy of personal information; providing definitions; requiring certain persons who maintain computerized data that contains personal information to notify any state resident whose unencrypted personal information may have been obtained as a result of a security breach; providing for forms of notice; providing exceptions and alternative forms of notice; providing for delays in notification in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the term:

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"Breach of security" means the unauthorized acquisition of computerized data which compromises the confidentiality, integrity, or security of personal information maintained by a person. Good-faith acquisition of personal

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information by an employee or agent of such person for legitimate purposes of the person is not a breach of security.

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(b) "Person" means any person or political subdivision as defined in section 1.01, Florida Statutes, or any agency as defined in section 20.03, Florida Statutes.

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(c) "Personal information" means an individual's first name or first initial and last name and at least one of the following elements:

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1. Social security number.

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2. Driver's license number or state identification card number.

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3. Account or card number and any required security code, access code, or password that permits access to that account.

- (2)(a) Any person that conducts business in this state and owns or licenses computerized data that contains personal information about a resident of this state must notify that resident regarding any breach of security of the data immediately following discovery of the breach, if the personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.
- (b) Any person that conducts business in this state and maintains computerized data that includes personal information that is owned or licensed by another person must notify such owner or licensee regarding any breach of security of the data immediately following discovery, if the personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.
- (3)(a) Notice may be provided in writing or in electronic form.
- (b) If the cost of providing notice exceeds \$250,000, the affected class of individuals to be notified exceeds 500,000 persons, or the person does not have sufficient contact information for all of the affected individuals, it may provide substitute notice by:
- 1. Sending an e-mail notice to each affected individual for whom it has an e-mail address.
- 2. Conspicuously posting notice of the security breach on the person's website.
- 3. Providing notification of the security breach to major statewide media.

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(c) If a person has established notification procedures that are otherwise consistent with the requirements of this section as part of an information security policy, that person may notify affected individuals pursuant to such procedures.

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- (d) Notification may be delayed if a law enforcement agency determines that the notification will impede a criminal investigation.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.