

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representatives Detert, Clarke, Brummer, and Benson offered the
2 following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 On page 6, line 21,
6 remove: all of said line

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8 and insert:

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10 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 119.0721, Florida
11 Statutes, is hereby repealed.

12 Section 4. The Legislature finds that it is a public
13 necessity that social security numbers held by an agency be made
14 confidential and exempt from public disclosure. The Legislature
15 also finds that it is no longer a necessity to allow commercial
16 entity access to such confidential and exempt numbers.

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17 Commercial entities have cited a number of reasons for needing  
18 access to social security numbers held by government agencies.  
19 The prevailing needs are for commercial entity verification of  
20 the accuracy of personal information received by such entity and  
21 for commercial entity use in matching, verifying, or retrieving  
22 information. Alternative methods are available for commercial  
23 entities to access such confidential and exempt numbers for  
24 those purposes. Commercial entities may utilize other such  
25 entities that provide services relating to verification of  
26 identities and information. Commercial entities should not rely  
27 upon government for such numbers in order to avoid utilizing the  
28 services of other such entities. Further, social security  
29 numbers are of a sensitive personal nature and are often the  
30 link to an individual's personal, financial, medical, or  
31 familial records. It is the only nationwide, unique numeric form  
32 of identification in existence in the United States. Commercial  
33 entity access to such numbers could lead to misuse of those  
34 numbers. Such misuse could lead to increased opportunities of  
35 fraud and identity theft. As such, the Legislature finds that  
36 the harm from disclosing such numbers to commercial entities  
37 outweighs any public benefit that can be derived from commercial  
38 entity access to such numbers.

39 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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43 On page 1, line 14,  
44 remove: all of said line

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and insert:  
  
a statement of public necessity; repealing s. 119.0721(3), F.S.,  
relating to specified access by commercial entities engaged in  
the performance of a commercial activity to social security  
numbers held by an agency; providing a statement of public  
necessity; providing an