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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 577

October 15, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, MUSSER, M. LEHMAN, HAHN, GRONEMUS, HINES, STASKUNAS, PLOUFF, SERATTI, STONE and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on Small Business.

1 **AN ACT to create** 134.44 of the statutes; **relating to:** disclosure of social security
2 numbers by persons who purchase goods from sellers of goods at retail and
3 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally does not prohibit a seller from requesting that a customer disclose his or her social security number. This bill prohibits a seller of goods at retail from making such a request unless the seller is required to do so in issuing fish and game approvals as an agent of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Under current law, DNR is required to obtain the social security number from an applicant for a fish and game approval so that the state may determine whether the applicant is delinquent in the payment of certain state taxes or in the payment of child support or other court-ordered family support or birth expenses. If an applicant is delinquent or fails to provide his or her social security number, the agent must deny the application for the approval.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

