

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 32

February 15, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives BALOW, ALBERS, BERCEAU, BOYLE, CARPENTER, GRONEMUS, GROTHMAN, GUNDERSON, HEBL, HUBLER, JOHNSRUD, KREUSER, KRUG, F. LASEE, MEYERHOFER, PETROWSKI, PETTIS, PLALE, PLOUFF, POCAN, POWERS, REYNOLDS, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, SHILLING, SKINDRUD, SINICKI, STASKUNAS, STONE, SYKORA and YOUNG, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, BAUMGART, BRESKE, COWLES, DARLING, DECKER, FARROW, GEORGE, HANSEN, HUELSMAN, SCHULTZ, SHIBILSKI, WIRCH and ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Personal Privacy.

1 **Relating to:** urging the Wisconsin congressional delegation to work to enact
2 legislation that would remove social security numbers from hunting and
3 fishing license applications.
4 Whereas, in 1996 Congress passed, and the President signed, the Personal
5 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA); and
6 Whereas, PRWORA contained numerous provisions geared toward
7 strengthening state laws relating to child support enforcement and paternity
8 establishment; and
9 Whereas, PRWORA, among other things, requires states to implement
10 procedures under which the state has the authority to withhold, suspend, or restrict
11 the use of driver's licenses, professional and occupational licenses, and recreational
12 licenses, including hunting and fishing licenses, of individuals owing past-due
13 support for failing, after receiving appropriate notice, to comply with subpoenas or
14 warrants relating to paternity or child support proceedings; and

1 Whereas, the venue for enforcement under PRWORA is a person’s individual
2 social security number; and

3 Whereas, 1997 Wisconsin Acts 27 and 191 implemented these changes for the
4 use of social security numbers as enforcement mechanisms, including for hunting
5 and fishing license applications, to comply with the federal 1996 Personal
6 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act; and

7 Whereas, the fishing and hunting for social security numbers by the federal and
8 state governments, especially those of sportsmen and women, is a major,
9 uncalled-for invasion of the right of privacy of individuals and is a solution that far
10 exceeds the problem that it seeks to address; and

11 Whereas, the heavy-handed and overbroad efforts of Congress dictating to the
12 states how to change family law is usurpation of an area of the law reserved to the
13 states, and unreasonably ties together 2 distinctively different areas of the law by
14 the threat of loss of federal funds; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
16 legislature urges the members of the congressional delegation from this state to work
17 to enact legislation that would remove social security numbers from hunting and
18 fishing license applications; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall send copies of this joint
20 resolution to the President, the speaker of the U.S. house of representatives, the
21 president of the U.S. senate, and all of the members of the congressional delegation
22 from this state.

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