Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session Original \boxtimes Updated Corrected Supplemental LRB Number 05s0471/2 Introduction Number **ASA1-AB912** Description Allowing individuals to restrict release of credit reports and granting rule-making authority Fiscal Effect State: No State Fiscal Effect Indeterminate Increase Existing Increase Existing Increase Costs - May be possible **Appropriations** Revenues to absorb within agency's budget Decrease Existing **Decrease Existing** ☐Yes □No Appropriations Revenues Create New Appropriations Decrease Costs Local: No Local Government Costs ☐ Indeterminate 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue Towns □ Village ☐ Cities Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Counties Others 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue School **MTCS** Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Districts Districts **Fund Sources Affected** Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEGS Agency/Prepared By **Authorized Signature** Date DATCP/ Michelle Reinen (608) 224-5160 Barb Knapp (608) 224-4746 1/25/2006

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bills requires the Department to administer the law which allows an individual to prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing the individual's consumer report for any purpose related to the extension of credit without the individual's prior authorization.

The bill would require DATCP to promulgate rules specifying what constitutes proper identification. The rules must be consistent with any requirements under federal credit reporting law pertaining to proper identification.

Currently the Department provides information to Wisconsin consumers who are victims of identity theft on placing a credit report freeze. This bill would make a credit report freeze available to any Wisconsin consumer who is eligible for extensions of credit, potentially 4.1 million citizens.

Based on information from other states that have similar legislation, it is believed a small percentage of consumers will place a credit freeze on their information, approximately .02% or 820 consumers.

Historically, we can assume that at least 5% of those consumers would contact the Department for information and 2% will file formal written complaints that require mediation. Based on these assumptions the Department believes we will be able to absorb the increase in workload.

Finally the Department estimates an increase in workload for two-years as a result of the rule development, however it is believed these one-time costs can be absorbed.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications