February 29, 2008 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, HANSEN, SCHULTZ, COWLES, KAPANKE, LASSA, A. LASSEE, DARLING, GROTHMAN, KEDZIE, SULLIVAN, OLSEN and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives LOTHIAN, M. WILLIAMS, TAUCHEN, NYGREN, BERCEAU, CULLEN, DAVIS, GRONEMUS, HAHN, HONADEL, KERKMAN, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, MOLEPSKE, MURSAU, MURTHA, MUSSER, NASS, NERISON, A. OTT, PETERSEN, SINICKI, STRACHOTA, SUDER, VAN ROY, VOS, VUKMIR, WASSERMAN and JESKEWITZ. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy.

AN ACT to create 19.72 of the statutes; relating to: use of a social security number as personal identifier in the administration of a state or local governmental program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any state or local governmental unit or elected official having custody of public records from using a social security number as an identifier for an individual in the administration of a program that is administered by the unit or official. The prohibition does not apply when otherwise authorized or required by state or federal law or federal regulation or when otherwise required by the federal government as a condition to receipt of aids by a governmental unit or elected official. Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) not exceeding $500 for each violation. The prohibition is effective beginning on July 1, 2009. No similar prohibition exists currently.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 19.72 of the statutes is created to read:
19.72 Use of social security numbers as identifiers. Unless otherwise
authorized or required by state or federal law or federal regulation or by the federal
government as a condition to receipt of aids by an authority, no authority may use
a social security number as an identifier for an individual in the administration of
a program that is administered by the authority.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2009.