



2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 771

February 6, 2008 – Introduced 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 WOOD, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, KAPANKE, COWLES, DARLING, GROTHMAN, HANSEN, KEDZIE, LASSA, OLSEN, ROESSLER and SULLIVAN. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Personal Privacy.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 19.72 of the statutes; **relating to:** use of a social security
2 number as personal identifier in the administration of a state or local
3 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 required by state or federal law or federal regulation, when otherwise required by the federal government as a condition to receipt of aids by a governmental unit or elected official, and when a state law specifically authorizes a social security number to be used. Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) not exceeding \$500 for each violation. The prohibition is effective beginning on January 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 19.72 of the statutes is created to read:

