

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001

SESSION LAW 2001-256
HOUSE BILL 998

AN ACT TO PROVIDE UNDER STATE LAW A MIRROR AS TO FEDERAL LAW
ON WHEN A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CAN BE REQUIRED TO BE
PROVIDED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
new Article to read:

"Article 3F.

"State Privacy Act.

"§ 143-64.60. State Privacy Act.

It is unlawful for any State or local government agency to deny to any individual any
right, benefit, or privilege provided by law because of such individual's refusal to
disclose his social security account number.

The provisions of this section shall not apply with respect to:

- (1) Any disclosure which is required or permitted by federal statute, or
- (2) The disclosure of a social security number to any State or local agency
maintaining a system of records in existence and operating before
January 1, 1975, if such disclosure was required under statute or
regulation adopted prior to such date to verify the identity of an
individual.

Any State or local government agency which requests an individual to disclose his
social security account number shall inform that individual whether that disclosure is
mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority such number is solicited,
and what uses will be made of it."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of
June, 2001.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 12:36 p.m. this 29th day of June, 2001