

AN ACT in relation to governmental records.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Social Security Number Protection Task Force Act.

Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds as follows:

(1) Identity theft is a major and growing problem in the United States and in Illinois.

(2) An individual's social security number is a primary means of identifying the individual, and the unauthorized disclosure of the individual's social security number creates a substantial risk that the individual's identity may be stolen.

(3) Certain State officers and agencies require individuals to disclose their social security numbers for various reasons, thus creating the potential for the theft of those individuals' identities if their social security numbers are further disclosed without authorization.

(4) The State should take all necessary steps to ensure that the procedures used by its officers and agencies do not facilitate the theft of individuals' identities through the unauthorized disclosure of those individuals' social security numbers.

Section 10. Social Security Number Protection Task Force.

(a) The Social Security Number Protection Task Force is created. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

(1) One member representing the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(2) One member representing the House of Representatives, appointed by the Minority Leader of the

House of Representatives;

(3) One member representing the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(4) One member representing the Senate, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(5) One member representing the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General;

(6) One member representing the Office of the Secretary of State, appointed by the Secretary of State;

(7) One member representing the Office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor;

(8) One member representing the Department of Natural Resources, appointed by the Director of Natural Resources;

(9) One member representing the Department of Public Aid, appointed by the Director of Public Aid;

(10) One member representing the Department of Revenue, appointed by the Director of Revenue;

(11) One member representing the Department of State Police, appointed by the Director of State Police; and

(12) One member representing the Department of Employment Security, appointed by the Director of Employment Security.

(b) The Task Force shall examine the procedures used by the State to protect an individual against the unauthorized disclosure of his or her social security number when the State requires the individual to provide his or her social security number to an officer or agency of the State.

(c) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the General Assembly no later than the first day of the 2004 fall veto session of the 93rd General Assembly.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.