### 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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### HB0986

Introduced 2/8/2007, by Rep. Karen May

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

815 ILCS 505/2ZZ new

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Prohibits an insurance company or a health care provider from using a patient's social security number as the patient's identification number or in any mailings sent to the patient, except as required by federal regulations.

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AN ACT concerning business.

### 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2ZZ as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 505/2ZZ new)

# Sec. 2ZZ. Insurance companies; health care providers; social security numbers.

9 <u>(a) Except as may be required by federal regulations, an</u> 10 <u>insurance company shall not use a patient's social security</u> 11 <u>number as the patient's identification number or in any</u> 12 mailings sent to the patient.

13 (b) Except as may be required by federal regulation, a 14 health care provider shall not use a patient's social security 15 number as the patient's identification number or in any 16 mailings sent to the patient.

# 17 (c) A violation of this Section constitutes an unlawful 18 practice within the meaning of this Act.

#### 19 (d) For purposes of this Section:

# 20 <u>"Insurance company" means a "company" as defined in Section</u> 21 <u>2 of the Illinois Insurance Code.</u>

# 22 <u>"Health care provider" means any physician, hospital</u> 23 <u>facility, or other person that is licensed or otherwise</u>

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1 <u>authorized to deliver health care services.</u>