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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2505/2505-255 new 30 ILCS 210/9 new 35 ILCS 5/605 from Ch. 120, par. 6-605 35 ILCS 135/1 from Ch. 120, par. 453.31 625 ILCS 5/2-123 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-123

Amends the Illinois State Collection Act of 1986. Provides that, in the case of any liability referred to a collection agency, any fee charged to the State by the collection agency is considered an additional liability owed to the State. Amends the Department of Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and the Illinois Income Tax Act to authorize the Department of Revenue to adopt rules and regulations for payments by credit card. Amends the Cigarette Use Tax Act to exempt from the definition of "use" the use of cigarettes by a not-for-profit research institution conducting tests concerning the health effects of tobacco products, provided the cigarettes are not offered for resale. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Authorizes the Secretary of State to disclose or otherwise make available to the Department of Revenue highly restricted personal information for use by the Department in the administration of any tax administered by the Department of Revenue or in the collection of any tax or debt that the Department of Revenue is authorized or required by law to collect. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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- 1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

Section 5. The Department of Revenue Law of the Civil
Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section
2505-255 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2505/2505-255 new)

8 <u>Sec. 2505-255. Payment by credit card. The Department may</u> 9 <u>adopt rules and regulations for payment by credit card of any</u> 10 <u>amount due under any Act administered by the Department</u> 11 <u>provided that, prior to December 31, 2008, the Department may</u> 12 <u>accept payment by credit card only when the Department is not</u> 13 <u>required to pay a discount fee charged by the credit card</u> 14 <u>issuer.</u>

Section 10. The Illinois State Collection Act of 1986 is amended by adding Section 9 as follows:

17 (30 ILCS 210/9 new)
 18 Sec. 9. Collection agency fees. In the case of any
 19 liability referred to a collection agency on or after July 1,
 2008, any fee charged to the State by the collection agency is
 21 considered an additional liability owed to the State, is

immediately subject to all collection procedures applicable to the liability referred to the collection agency, and must be separately stated in any statement or notice of the liability issued by the collection agency to the taxpayer.

5 Section 15. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by 6 changing Section 605 as follows:

7 (35 ILCS 5/605) (from Ch. 120, par. 6-605)

8 Sec. 605. The Department may adopt rules and regulations 9 for payment of taxes due under this Act by credit card, 10 provided that, prior to December 31, 2008, the Department may 11 accept payment by credit card only when the Department is not 12 required to pay a discount fee charged by the credit card 13 issuer.

14 (Source: P.A. 87-1175; 87-1189.)

Section 20. The Cigarette Use Tax Act is amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

17 (35 ILCS 135/1) (from Ch. 120, par. 453.31)

Sec. 1. For the purpose of this Act, unless otherwise required by the context:

20 "Use" means the exercise by any person of any right or 21 power over cigarettes incident to the ownership or possession 22 thereof, other than the making of a sale thereof in the course SB2874 - 3 - LRB095 18329 BDD 44413 b

of engaging in a business of selling cigarettes and shall include the keeping or retention of cigarettes for use, except "use" shall not include the use of cigarettes by a not-for-profit research institution conducting tests concerning the health effects of tobacco products, provided the cigarettes are not offered for resale..

7 "Cigarette" means any roll for smoking made wholly or in 8 part of tobacco irrespective of size or shape and whether or 9 not such tobacco is flavored, adulterated or mixed with any 10 other ingredient, and the wrapper or cover of which is made of 11 paper or any other substance or material except tobacco.

"Person" means any natural individual, firm, partnership, association, joint stock company, joint adventure, public or private corporation, however formed, limited liability company, or a receiver, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian or other representative appointed by order of any court.

18 "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

19 "Sale" means any transfer, exchange or barter in any manner 20 or by any means whatsoever for a consideration, and includes 21 and means all sales made by any person.

"Original Package" means the individual packet, box or other container whatsoever used to contain and to convey cigarettes to the consumer.

25 "Distributor" means any and each of the following:26 a. Any person engaged in the business of selling

cigarettes in this State who brings or causes to be brought into this State from without this State any original packages of cigarettes, on which original packages there is no authorized evidence underneath a sealed transparent wrapper showing that the tax liability imposed by this Act has been paid or assumed by the out-of-State seller of such cigarettes, for sale in the course of such business.

b. Any person who makes, manufactures or fabricates
cigarettes in this State for sale, except a person who
makes, manufactures or fabricates cigarettes for sale to
residents incarcerated in penal institutions or resident
patients or a State-operated mental health facility.

c. Any person who makes, manufactures or fabricates cigarettes outside this State, which cigarettes are placed in original packages contained in sealed transparent wrappers, for delivery or shipment into this State, and who elects to qualify and is accepted by the Department as a distributor under Section 7 of this Act.

"Distributor" does not include any person who transfers cigarettes to a not-for-profit research institution that conducts tests concerning the health effects of tobacco products and who does not offer the cigarettes for resale.

"Distributor maintaining a place of business in this State", or any like term, means any distributor having or maintaining within this State, directly or by a subsidiary, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse or other

place of business, or any agent operating within this State under the authority of the distributor or its subsidiary, irrespective of whether such place of business or agent is located here permanently or temporarily, or whether such distributor or subsidiary is licensed to transact business within this State.

7 "Business" means any trade, occupation, activity or 8 enterprise engaged in or conducted in this State for the 9 purpose of selling cigarettes.

"Prior Continuous Compliance Taxpayer" means any person 10 11 who is licensed under this Act and who, having been a licensee 12 for a continuous period of 5 years, is determined by the 13 Department not to have been either delinquent or deficient in 14 the payment of tax liability during that period or otherwise in 15 violation of this Act. Also, any taxpayer who has, as verified 16 by the Department, continuously complied with the condition of 17 his bond or other security under provisions of this Act of a period of 5 consecutive years shall be considered to be a 18 "prior continuous compliance taxpayer". In calculating the 19 20 consecutive period of time described herein for qualification as a "prior continuous compliance taxpayer", a consecutive 21 22 period of time of qualifying compliance immediately prior to 23 the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1987 shall be credited to any licensee who became licensed on or before the 24 25 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1987.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-462, eff. 8-27-07.)

Section 25. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
 changing Section 2-123 as follows:

3 (625 ILCS 5/2-123) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-123)

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Sec. 2-123. Sale and Distribution of Information.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the 5 6 Secretary may make the driver's license, vehicle and title 7 registration lists, in part or in whole, and any statistical 8 information derived from these lists available to local 9 governments, elected state officials, state educational 10 institutions, and all other governmental units of the State and 11 Federal Government requesting them for governmental purposes. The Secretary shall require any such applicant for services to 12 13 pay for the costs of furnishing such services and the use of 14 the equipment involved, and in addition is empowered to 15 establish prices and charges for the services so furnished and 16 for the use of the electronic equipment utilized.

17 (b) The Secretary is further empowered to and he may, in his discretion, furnish to any applicant, other than listed in 18 subsection (a) of this Section, vehicle or driver data on a 19 20 computer tape, disk, other electronic format or computer 21 processable medium, or printout at a fixed fee of \$250 for orders received before October 1, 2003 and \$500 for orders 22 23 received on or after October 1, 2003, in advance, and require 24 in addition a further sufficient deposit based upon the

Secretary of State's estimate of the total cost of 1 the 2 information requested and a charge of \$25 for orders received before October 1, 2003 and \$50 for orders received on or after 3 October 1, 2003, per 1,000 units or part thereof identified or 4 5 the actual cost, whichever is greater. The Secretary is authorized to refund any difference between the additional 6 deposit and the actual cost of the request. This service shall 7 not be in lieu of an abstract of a driver's record nor of a 8 9 title or registration search. This service may be limited to 10 entities purchasing a minimum number of records as required by 11 administrative rule. The information sold pursuant to this 12 subsection shall be the entire vehicle or driver data list, or 13 part thereof. The information sold pursuant to this subsection shall not contain personally identifying information unless 14 the information is to be used for one of the purposes 15 16 identified in subsection (f-5) of this Section. Commercial 17 purchasers of driver and vehicle record databases shall enter into a written agreement with the Secretary of State that 18 includes disclosure of the commercial use of the information to 19 20 be purchased.

(b-1) The Secretary is further empowered to and may, in his or her discretion, furnish vehicle or driver data on a computer tape, disk, or other electronic format or computer processible medium, at no fee, to any State or local governmental agency that uses the information provided by the Secretary to transmit data back to the Secretary that enables the Secretary to

1 maintain accurate driving records, including dispositions of 2 traffic cases. This information may be provided without fee not 3 more often than once every 6 months.

(c) Secretary of State may issue registration lists. The 4 5 Secretary of State may compile a list of all registered vehicles. Each list of registered vehicles shall be arranged 6 7 serially according to the registration numbers assigned to 8 registered vehicles and may contain in addition the names and 9 addresses of registered owners and a brief description of each 10 vehicle including the serial or other identifying number 11 thereof. Such compilation may be in such form as in the 12 discretion of the Secretary of State may seem best for the 13 purposes intended.

(d) The Secretary of State shall furnish no more than 2 14 15 current available lists of such registrations to the sheriffs 16 of all counties and to the chiefs of police of all cities and 17 villages and towns of 2,000 population and over in this State at no cost. Additional copies may be purchased by the sheriffs 18 or chiefs of police at the fee of \$500 each or at the cost of 19 20 producing the list as determined by the Secretary of State. 21 Such lists are to be used for governmental purposes only.

22 (e) (Blank).

23 (e-1) (Blank).

(f) The Secretary of State shall make a title or
registration search of the records of his office and a written
report on the same for any person, upon written application of

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such person, accompanied by a fee of \$5 for each registration 1 2 or title search. The written application shall set forth the 3 intended use of the requested information. No fee shall be charged for a title or registration search, or for the 4 5 certification thereof requested by a government agency. The report of the title or registration search shall not contain 6 personally identifying information unless the request for a 7 search was made for one of the purposes identified in 8 9 subsection (f-5) of this Section. The report of the title or 10 registration search shall not contain highly restricted 11 personal information unless specifically authorized by this 12 Code.

13 Secretary of State shall certify a title The or 14 registration record upon written request. The fee for 15 certification shall be \$5 in addition to the fee required for a 16 title or registration search. Certification shall be made under 17 the signature of the Secretary of State and shall be authenticated by Seal of the Secretary of State. 18

19 The Secretary of State may notify the vehicle owner or 20 registrant of the request for purchase of his title or 21 registration information as the Secretary deems appropriate.

No information shall be released to the requestor until expiration of a 10 day period. This 10 day period shall not apply to requests for information made by law enforcement officials, government agencies, financial institutions, attorneys, insurers, employers, automobile associated

businesses, persons licensed as a private detective or firms 1 2 licensed as a private detective agency under the Private 3 Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004, who are employed by or are 4 5 acting on behalf of law enforcement officials, government 6 agencies, financial institutions, attorneys, insurers, 7 employers, automobile associated businesses, and other 8 business entities for purposes consistent with the Illinois 9 Vehicle Code, the vehicle owner or registrant or other entities 10 as the Secretary may exempt by rule and regulation.

11 Any misrepresentation made by a requestor of title or 12 vehicle information shall be punishable as a petty offense, 13 except in the case of persons licensed as a private detective 14 or firms licensed as a private detective agency which shall be 15 subject to disciplinary sanctions under Section 40-10 of the 16 Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, 17 Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004.

Secretary of State shall not disclose or 18 (f - 5)The 19 otherwise make available to any person or entity any personally 20 identifying information obtained by the Secretary of State in 21 driver's license, vehicle, or connection with а title 22 registration record unless the information is disclosed for one 23 of the following purposes:

(1) For use by any government agency, including any
 court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its
 functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf

1 of a federal, State, or local agency in carrying out its
2 functions.

3 (2) For use in connection with matters of motor vehicle
4 or driver safety and theft; motor vehicle emissions; motor
5 vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories;
6 performance monitoring of motor vehicles, motor vehicle
7 parts, and dealers; and removal of non-owner records from
8 the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers.

9 (3) For use in the normal course of business by a 10 legitimate business or its agents, employees, or 11 contractors, but only:

12 (A) to verify the accuracy of personal information
13 submitted by an individual to the business or its
14 agents, employees, or contractors; and

(B) if such information as so submitted is not
correct or is no longer correct, to obtain the correct
information, but only for the purposes of preventing
fraud by, pursuing legal remedies against, or
recovering on a debt or security interest against, the
individual.

(4) For use in research activities and for use in
producing statistical reports, if the personally
identifying information is not published, redisclosed, or
used to contact individuals.

(5) For use in connection with any civil, criminal,
 administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any federal,

1 State, local court or agency or before or anv 2 self-regulatory body, including the service of process, 3 investigation in anticipation of litigation, and the execution or enforcement of judgments and orders, or 4 5 pursuant to an order of a federal, State, or local court.

6 (6) For use by any insurer or insurance support 7 organization or by a self-insured entity or its agents, 8 employees, or contractors in connection with claims 9 investigation activities, antifraud activities, rating, or 10 underwriting.

11 (7) For use in providing notice to the owners of towed12 or impounded vehicles.

13 For use by any person licensed as a private (8) 14 detective or firm licensed as a private detective agency 15 under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private 16 Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004, 17 private investigative agency or security service licensed Illinois for any purpose permitted under 18 this in 19 subsection.

(9) For use by an employer or its agent or insurer to
obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a
commercial driver's license that is required under chapter
313 of title 49 of the United States Code.

(10) For use in connection with the operation ofprivate toll transportation facilities.

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(11) For use by any requester, if the requester

1 demonstrates it has obtained the written consent of the 2 individual to whom the information pertains.

3 (12) For use by members of the news media, as defined 4 in Section 1-148.5, for the purpose of newsgathering when 5 the request relates to the operation of a motor vehicle or 6 public safety.

7 (13) For any other use specifically authorized by law,
8 if that use is related to the operation of a motor vehicle
9 or public safety.

10 <u>(14) For use by the Department of Revenue in the</u> 11 <u>administration of any tax administered by the Department of</u> 12 <u>Revenue or in the collection of any tax or debt that the</u> 13 <u>Department of Revenue is authorized or required by law to</u> 14 <u>collect. The Secretary of State may disclose or otherwise</u> 15 <u>make available to the Department highly restricted</u> 16 <u>personal information for these purposes.</u>

17 (f-6) The Secretary of State shall not disclose or 18 otherwise make available to any person or entity any highly 19 restricted personal information obtained by the Secretary of 20 State in connection with a driver's license, vehicle, or title 21 registration record unless specifically authorized by this 22 Code.

(g) 1. The Secretary of State may, upon receipt of a
written request and a fee of \$6 before October 1, 2003 and
a fee of \$12 on and after October 1, 2003, furnish to the
person or agency so requesting a driver's record. Such

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document may include a record of: current driver's license 1 2 issuance information, except that the information on 3 judicial driving permits shall be available only as otherwise provided by this Code; convictions; orders 4 5 entered revoking, suspending or cancelling a driver's 6 license or privilege; and notations of accident 7 involvement. All other information, unless otherwise 8 permitted by this Code, shall remain confidential. 9 Information released pursuant to a request for a driver's 10 record shall not. contain personally identifying 11 information, unless the request for the driver's record was 12 made for one of the purposes set forth in subsection (f-5) 13 of this Section. The Secretary of State may, without fee, 14 allow a parent or guardian of a person under the age of 18 15 years, who holds an instruction permit or graduated 16 driver's license, to view that person's driving record 17 online, through a computer connection. The parent or guardian's online access to the driving record will 18 19 terminate when the instruction permit or graduated 20 driver's license holder reaches the age of 18.

2. The Secretary of State shall not disclose or 22 otherwise make available to any person or entity any highly 23 restricted personal information obtained by the Secretary 24 of State in connection with a driver's license, vehicle, or 25 title registration record unless specifically authorized 26 by this Code. The Secretary of State may certify an 1 abstract of a driver's record upon written request 2 therefor. Such certification shall be made under the 3 signature of the Secretary of State and shall be 4 authenticated by the Seal of his office.

3. All requests for driving record information shall be made in a manner prescribed by the Secretary and shall set forth the intended use of the requested information.

8 The Secretary of State may notify the affected driver 9 of the request for purchase of his driver's record as the 10 Secretary deems appropriate.

11 No information shall be released to the requester until 12 expiration of a 10 day period. This 10 day period shall not 13 apply to requests for information made by law enforcement 14 officials, government agencies, financial institutions, 15 attorneys, insurers, employers, automobile associated 16 businesses, persons licensed as a private detective or 17 firms licensed as a private detective agency under the Detective, Private Alarm, 18 Private Private Security, 19 Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004, who are employed by or are acting on behalf of law enforcement 20 officials, government agencies, financial institutions, 21 22 attorneys, insurers, employers, automobile associated 23 businesses, and other business entities for purposes 24 consistent with the Illinois Vehicle Code, the affected 25 driver or other entities as the Secretary may exempt by 26 rule and regulation.

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Any misrepresentation made by a requestor of driver information shall be punishable as a petty offense, except in the case of persons licensed as a private detective or firms licensed as a private detective agency which shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions under Section 40-10 of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004.

8 4. The Secretary of State may furnish without fee, upon 9 the written request of a law enforcement agency, any 10 information from a driver's record on file with the 11 Secretary of State when such information is required in the 12 enforcement of this Code or any other law relating to the 13 motor vehicles, including operation of records of 14 dispositions; documented information involving the use of 15 a motor vehicle; whether such individual has, or previously 16 had, a driver's license; and the address and personal 17 description as reflected on said driver's record.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the 18 19 Secretary of State may furnish, without fee, information 20 from an individual driver's record on file, if a written 21 request therefor is submitted by any public transit system 22 or authority, public defender, law enforcement agency, a 23 federal agency, Illinois state or or an local intergovernmental association, if the request is for the 24 25 purpose of a background check of applicants for employment 26 with the requesting agency, or for the purpose of an official investigation conducted by the agency, or to
 determine a current address for the driver so public funds
 can be recovered or paid to the driver, or for any other
 purpose set forth in subsection (f-5) of this Section.

5 The Secretary may also furnish the courts a copy of an abstract of a driver's record, without fee, subsequent to 6 7 an arrest for a violation of Section 11-501 or a similar provision of a local ordinance. Such abstract may include 8 9 records of dispositions; documented information involving the use of a motor vehicle as contained in the current 10 11 file; whether such individual has, or previously had, a 12 driver's license; and the address and personal description as reflected on said driver's record. 13

14 6. Any certified abstract issued by the Secretary of 15 State or transmitted electronically by the Secretary of 16 State pursuant to this Section, to a court or on request of 17 a law enforcement agency, for the record of a named person as to the status of the person's driver's license shall be 18 19 prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated and if the 20 name appearing in such abstract is the same as that of a 21 person named in an information or warrant, such abstract 22 shall be prima facie evidence that the person named in such 23 information or warrant is the same person as the person 24 named in such abstract and shall be admissible for any 25 prosecution under this Code and be admitted as proof of any 26 prior conviction or proof of records, notices, or orders

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1 2 recorded on individual driving records maintained by the Secretary of State.

7. Subject to any restrictions contained in 3 the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, and upon receipt of a proper 4 5 request and a fee of \$6 before October 1, 2003 and a fee of \$12 on or after October 1, 2003, the Secretary of State 6 7 shall provide a driver's record to the affected driver, or the affected driver's attorney, upon verification. Such 8 9 record shall contain all the information referred to in 10 paragraph 1 of this subsection (q) plus: any recorded 11 accident involvement as a driver; information recorded 12 pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 6-117 and paragraph 13 (4) of subsection (a) of Section 6-204 of this Code. All other information, unless otherwise permitted by this 14 15 Code, shall remain confidential.

16 The Secretary shall not disclose social security (h) 17 numbers or any associated information obtained from the Social Security Administration except pursuant to a written request 18 19 by, or with the prior written consent of, the individual 20 except: (1) to officers and employees of the Secretary who have a need to know the social security numbers in performance of 21 22 their official duties, (2) to law enforcement officials for a 23 lawful, civil or criminal law enforcement investigation, and if 24 the head of the law enforcement agency has made a written 25 request to the Secretary specifying the law enforcement 26 investigation for which the social security numbers are being

sought, (3) to the United States Department of Transportation, 1 2 or any other State, pursuant to the administration and 3 enforcement of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, (4) pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, 4 5 or (5) to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services 6 (formerly Department of Public Aid) for utilization in the child support enforcement duties assigned to that Department 7 under provisions of the Illinois Public Aid Code after the 8 9 individual has received advanced meaningful notification of 10 what redisclosure is sought by the Secretary in accordance with 11 the federal Privacy Act.

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13 (j) Medical statements or medical reports received in the 14 Secretary of State's Office shall be confidential. No 15 confidential information may be open to public inspection or 16 the contents disclosed to anyone, except officers and employees 17 of the Secretary who have a need to know the information contained in the medical reports and the Driver License Medical 18 Advisory Board, unless so directed by an order of a court of 19 20 competent jurisdiction.

(k) All fees collected under this Section shall be paid into the Road Fund of the State Treasury, except that (i) for fees collected before October 1, 2003, \$3 of the \$6 fee for a driver's record shall be paid into the Secretary of State Special Services Fund, (ii) for fees collected on and after October 1, 2003, of the \$12 fee for a driver's record, \$3 shall

be paid into the Secretary of State Special Services Fund and \$6 shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund, and (iii) for fees collected on and after October 1, 2003, 50% of the amounts collected pursuant to subsection (b) shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

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7 (m) Notations of accident involvement that may be disclosed under this Section shall not include notations relating to 8 9 damage to a vehicle or other property being transported by a 10 tow truck. This information shall remain confidential, 11 provided that nothing in this subsection (m) shall limit 12 disclosure of any notification of accident involvement to any 13 law enforcement agency or official.

14 (n) Requests made by the news media for driver's license, 15 vehicle, or title registration information may be furnished 16 without charge or at a reduced charge, as determined by the 17 Secretary, when the specific purpose for requesting the documents is deemed to be in the public interest. Waiver or 18 reduction of the fee is in the public interest if the principal 19 20 purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights 21 22 of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of 23 gaining a personal or commercial benefit. The information 24 provided pursuant to this subsection shall not contain 25 personally identifying information unless the information is 26 to be used for one of the purposes identified in subsection

1 (f-5) of this Section.

2	(o) The redisclosure of personally identifying information
3	obtained pursuant to this Section is prohibited, except to the
4	extent necessary to effectuate the purpose for which the
5	original disclosure of the information was permitted.
6	(p) The Secretary of State is empowered to adopt rules to
7	effectuate this Section.
8	(Source: P.A. 94-56, eff. 6-17-05; 95-201, eff. 1-1-08; 95-287,

10 revised 11-16-07.)

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