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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 117

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the use of social security account
7 numbers by state agencies; and providing for an effec-
8 tive date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. INTENT. (a) The increasing involvement of state government
11 in the lives of individuals is aided by computer technology, which has
12 enabled agencies of state government to compile information concerning the
13 private affairs of the people. This information-gathering process is aided
14 by use of the social security account number which has become a universal
15 identifier in modern society. The intent of this Act is to control the use
16 of social security account numbers so that the agencies of state government
17 are prevented from collecting and using information which violates an indi-
18 vidual's right to privacy guaranteed by the Constitution of the State of
19 Alaska.

20 (b) The effective date of this Act has been set so that state agencies
21 will have sufficient time to determine the effect of this Act on the essen-
22 tial operations of the agencies, and, if appropriate, request the governor to
23 submit legislation exempting them from the provisions of this Act.

24 * Sec. 2. AS 44 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

25 CHAPTER 67. LIMITS ON INVASION OF PRIVACY

26 BY STATE GOVERNMENT.

27 Sec. 44.67.010. PROHIBITED USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

28 (a) In the absence of authorization by law, no state agency may
29 (1) request or require that a person reveal his social

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security account number in order to obtain services or assistance; or
(2) use, for any purpose, numbers which correspond to the
social security account number of a person.

(b) No state agency may furnish information indexed by social
security account number unless

(1) required to do so by law; or

(2) specifically authorized to do so by the holder of a
social security account number or by a person authorized by law to
consent to the use of a social security account number by another. This
subsection does not apply to a report of money paid to a state official
or employee from the state treasury.

(c) If a federal department or agency issues a formal ruling that
the requirements of (a) of this section will cause a state plan for the
delivery of services or assistance to be out of conformity with federal
requirements and state participation in that program is authorized by
law, (a) of this section will not apply to that program to the extent
that it causes the program to be out of conformity with federal require-
ments.

Sec. 44.67.015. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "state agency" means
a department, board, commission, officer, division, public corporation,
bureau, or other administrative unit forming the state government and
includes the University of Alaska.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1980.