

HOUSE No. 1476

By Mr. Greene of Billerica, petition of William G. Greene, Jr. for legislation to prohibit the unauthorized disclosure and use of Social Security numbers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE DISCLOSURE AND USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by adding the following section:—

3 Section 148. (a) No person shall require the disclosure or use of
4 the social security number of any individual, unless expressly autho-
5 rized by state or federal law, the citation of which shall be specified
6 to the individual at the time of the disclosure or use.

7 Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the voluntary disclosure
8 or use of the social security number of an individual. A violation of
9 this subsection shall be punished by a fine of \$50. Each violation
10 shall constitute a separate offense. (b) Any person who requires the
11 disclosure or use of the social security number of an individual in
12 violation of the provisions of subsection (a) and as a condition
13 precedent to entering into a contract of doing business with such
14 individual shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000. Each violation shall
15 constitute a separate offense.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of
2 this act, any lawful use of a social security number occurring on the
3 effective date of this act may continue until January 1, 2006.