

HOUSE No. 1413

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William G. Greene, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act further regulating the disclosure and use of social security numbers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
William G. Greene, Jr.	22nd Middlesex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
David B. Sullivan	6th Bristol
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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 by adding the following section:—Section 148.
2 (a) No person shall require the disclosure or use of the social security number of any individual, unless expressly
3 authorized by state or federal law, the citation of which shall be specified to the individual at the time of the
4 disclosure or use.
5 Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the voluntary disclosure or use of the social security number of an
6 individual. A violation of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of \$50. Each violation shall constitute a
7 separate offense. (b) Any person who requires the disclosure or use of the social security number of an individual in
8 violation of the provisions of subsection (a) and as a condition precedent to entering into a contract of doing
9 business with such individual shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000. Each violation shall constitute a separate
10 offense.
11 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of this act, any lawful use of a social security number
12 occurring on the effective date of this act may continue until January 1, 2010.