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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 573, L.D. 1617, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Display of Social Security Numbers on Insurance-related Identification Cards"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated 20 "<u>\$1272-A.</u>" in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, lines 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "<u>Social</u>" and 22 inserting in its place the following: '<u>Until July 1, 1995,</u> <u>social</u>' 24

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Review alternatives; report. The state employee health 28 insurance program shall review alternatives to using social 30 for identification for medical security numbers insurance purposes. The state employee health insurance program shall report its findings to the joint standing committee of the 32 Legislature having jurisdiction over banking and insurance 34 matters by February 1, 1995.'

36 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

Permitting the social security numbers use of as identification for medical insurance until July 1, 1995 will 42 avoid a cost to the State's employee health insurance program of 44 approximately \$42,000 in fiscal year 1993-94. Of the total cost, which would result from computer reprogramming and the issuance 46 of new identification cards, approximately \$21,000 would be attributable to the General Fund and \$6,300 to the Highway Fund.

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The state employee health insurance program will incur some minor additional costs to review alternatives for using social security numbers for identification for medical insurance purposes. These costs can be absorbed within the program's existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment permits the use of social security numbers as. identification for medical insurance only until July 1, 1995. This amendment also directs the state employee health insurance program to develop alternatives to the use of social security numbers and report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over banking and insurance matters by February 1, 1995.

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