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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 911, L.D. 1254, Bill, "An Act to Restrict the Use of Social Security Numbers"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will significantly impact the operations of several state departments and agencies that rely on the use of social security numbers to implement their programs or collect revenue. The effect of this prohibition on the use of social security numbers by many state departments and agencies will result in some substantial costs for reprogramming computer systems and redesigning programs with alternative methods identifying program participants or taxpayers. This bill may also result in certain state programs being out of conformity with federal law and, consequently, may result in the loss of significant amounts of federal funds that support those programs.

Some of the agencies most severely impacted by this bill include the Bureau of Taxation, the Bureau of Employment Security within the Department of Labor, the Judicial Department and the state employee health insurance and workers' compensation programs.

The total costs and all the state programs affected can not be determined at this time. These costs may exceed several million dollars. The Bureau of Taxation has estimated their transition costs to be over \$10 million. In addition to these transition costs, the subsequent effect on revenue collections

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and enforcement efforts by certain agencies such as the Bureau of  
Taxation also can not be determined at this time.

This bill may also increase the number of civil suits filed  
in the court system. The additional workload and administrative  
costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can  
be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also  
increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

#### SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing  
Committee on Judiciary. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the  
bill.