

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 24, 2005

### An Act To Prevent Identity Theft

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FARRINGTON of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BERUBE of Lisbon, CLARK of Millinocket,  
HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, PILON of Saco.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1313-C is enacted to read:**

6 **§1313-C. Restriction on release of consumer report**

8 Notwithstanding sections 1313-A and 1313-B, a consumer may  
10 restrict the release of a consumer report and any information  
12 related to the consumer if the consumer makes a written request  
14 of the consumer reporting agency. While the restriction is in  
16 place, the consumer reporting agency may not release any  
information related to the consumer without the express  
authorization of the consumer. A consumer reporting agency may  
charge a reasonable fee for this service, except that if the  
consumer has been a victim of identity theft and provides proof,  
the agency may not charge a fee.

18 **SUMMARY**

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22 This bill allows a consumer to restrict the release of any  
24 information regarding that consumer by a consumer reporting  
agency without the express authorization of the consumer. A  
consumer reporting agency may charge a reasonable fee for this  
service unless the consumer has been a victim of identity theft.