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House of Representatives, March 16, 2007

Resolve, Regarding the Privacy of Social Security Numbers

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township.
Cosponsored by Representative HARLOW of Portland, Senator BRYANT of Oxford and
Representatives: GILES of Belfast, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, McLEOD of Lee, STRANG
BURGESS of Cumberland, TIBBETTS of Columbia, WALKER of Lincolnville.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services to develop**
2 **plan to eliminate requirement for private social security numbers. Resolved:**
3 That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall develop a plan to
4 eliminate the requirement by the State, a political subdivision, a private business or other
5 person to provide a private social security number issued by the United States Social
6 Security Administration. The plan must include a provision that a social security number
7 may be requested but not required by the State, a political subdivision, a private business
8 or other person, and a person may not be penalized for refusing to give the person's
9 private social security number. The plan may exempt a necessary use of a social security
10 number, such as for a tax, paternity, child support enforcement or credit reporting matter;
11 and be it further

12 **Sec. 2. Legislation. Resolved:** That no later than December 5, 2007, the
13 Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall submit legislation
14 implementing the plan developed in section 1 to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd
15 Legislature.

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SUMMARY

17 This resolve requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to
18 develop a plan allowing the State, a political subdivision, a private business or other
19 person to request but not require a social security number from a person, except for
20 necessary uses such as for tax, paternity, child support enforcement or credit reporting
21 matters, and prohibits penalizing persons for refusing to give their social security
22 numbers.