

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 744

House of Representatives, March 10, 2011

### **An Act To Limit the Use of Social Security Numbers by State Agencies**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KNAPP of Gorham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CHASE of Wells, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, FOSSEL of Alna, MORRISON of South Portland, PILON of Saco, PLUMMER of Windham, WAGNER of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §58** is enacted to read:

3 **§58. Prohibited use of social security numbers**

4 **1. Prohibition.** A state agency may not include an individual's social security  
5 number in written correspondence.

6 **2. Exception.** This section does not apply to:

7 A. Federal forms; or

8 B. Tax forms under Title 36.

9 **3. State agency.** For the purposes of this section, "state agency" means the State and  
10 any office, department, agency, authority, commission, board, institution, hospital or  
11 other instrumentality of the State, including the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Maine  
12 Port Authority, the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority, the Maine  
13 Community College System, the Maine Veterans' Homes, the Maine Public Employees  
14 Retirement System, the Maine Military Authority and all such other state entities.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits state agencies from including an individual's social security  
17 number in written correspondence. The prohibition does not apply to federal forms or tax  
18 forms. The bill defines "state agency" to mean the State and any office, department,  
19 agency, authority, commission, board, institution, hospital or other instrumentality of the  
20 State, including the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Maine Port Authority, the Northern  
21 New England Passenger Rail Authority, the Maine Community College System, the  
22 Maine Veterans' Homes, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, the Maine  
23 Military Authority and all such other state entities.