

(4) THE USE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR INTERNAL VERIFICATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, OR

(5) A PUBLIC RECORD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

~~14-3202.~~ 14-3203.

(A) A PERSON THAT USED AN INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2005, IN A MANNER PROHIBITED UNDER ~~§ 14-3201(A)~~ § 14-3202(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY CONTINUE TO USE THE INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN THAT MANNER IF:

(1) THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS CONTINUOUS; AND

(2) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2005, THE PERSON PROVIDES THE INDIVIDUAL WITH AN ANNUAL DISCLOSURE FORM STATING THE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO STOP THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN THE MANNER PROHIBITED UNDER ~~§ 14-3201(A)~~ § 14-3202(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) (1) A WRITTEN REQUEST BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO STOP THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN A MANNER PROHIBITED UNDER ~~§ 14-3201(A)~~ § 14-3202(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN 30 DAYS ~~OF THE~~ AFTER RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST.

(2) A PERSON MAY NOT DENY PRODUCTS OR SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL MAKES A WRITTEN REQUEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2-3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all health insurance policies and contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2005. Any health insurance policy or contract in effect before January 1, 2005, shall comply with the provisions of this Act on or before January 1, 2006.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of December 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2-3-5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2005.

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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate