

CHAPTER 521

(House Bill 56)

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection - Privacy of Social Security Numbers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the public posting or displaying of an individual's Social Security number under certain circumstances; prohibiting the printing of an individual's Social Security number on certain cards under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from requiring an individual to transmit the individual's Social Security number over the Internet under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from ~~transmitting~~ initiating the transmission of an individual's Social Security number over the Internet under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from requiring an individual to use the individual's Social Security number to access an Internet website under certain circumstances; prohibiting the printing of an individual's Social Security number on materials mailed to the individual or the inclusion of an individual's Social Security number in materials electronically transmitted or transmitted by facsimile to the individual under certain circumstances; providing for certain exceptions to the prohibitions relating to an individual's Social Security number; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not impose certain duties on an interactive computer service provider or a telecommunications provider; providing that a violation of this Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; authorizing a person that, prior to a certain date, used an individual's Social Security number in a manner prohibited under this Act to continue to use the individual's Social Security number under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the privacy of Social Security numbers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Commercial Law

Section 13-301(14)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law

Section 14-3301 through 14-3303, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 33. The Social Security Number Privacy Act"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: