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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6020

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By Senate Committee on Labor & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Fairley, Benton, Kohl-Welles, Zarelli, Swecker, Roach, McDonald, Rossi, Morton, Spanel, Thibaudeau, Hochstatter, T. Sheldon, Sheahan, Johnson, Prentice, Brown, Heavey, Stevens and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to recording of social security numbers on  
2 applications for licenses to assist in child support enforcement;  
3 amending RCW 26.23.150; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that enhancing the  
6 effectiveness of child support enforcement is an essential public  
7 policy goal, but that the use of social security numbers on licenses is  
8 an inappropriate, intrusive, and offensive method of improving  
9 enforceability. The legislature also finds that, in 1997, the federal  
10 government threatened sanction by withholding of funds for programs for  
11 poor families if states did not comply with a federal requirement to  
12 use social security numbers on licenses, thus causing the legislature  
13 to enact such provisions under protest. Since that time, the federal  
14 government has delayed implementation of the noncommercial driver's  
15 license requirement until October 1, 2000.

16 The legislature will require compliance with federal law in this  
17 matter only at such time and in the event that the federal government  
18 actually implements the requirement of using social security numbers on  
19 noncommercial driver's license applications. Therefore, the

1 legislature intends to delay the implementation of provisions enacted  
2 in 1998 requiring social security numbers be recorded on all  
3 applications for noncommercial driver's licenses.

4       **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.23.150 and 1998 c 160 s 7 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       In order to assist in child support enforcement as required by  
7 federal law, all applicants for an original, replacement, or renewal of  
8 a professional license, commercial driver's license, occupational  
9 license, or recreational license must furnish the licensing agency with  
10 the applicant's social security number, which shall be recorded on the  
11 application. No applicant for an original, replacement, or renewal  
12 noncommercial driver's license is required to furnish the licensing  
13 agency with the applicant's social security number for purposes of  
14 assisting in child support enforcement prior to the time necessary to  
15 comply with the federal deadline. The licensing agencies collecting  
16 social security numbers shall not display the social security number on  
17 the license document. Social security numbers collected by licensing  
18 agencies shall not be disclosed except as required by state or federal  
19 law or under RCW 26.23.120.

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