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**SENATE BILL 5364**

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**By Senators Horn, Haugen and Benton**

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1            AN ACT Relating to drivers' licenses and identicards; amending  
2 RCW 26.23.140 and 26.23.150; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 46.20 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            Any contract entered into between the department and a private  
8 vendor in which the vendor provides services involving drivers'  
9 licenses or identicards must contain the following language:  
10 "Drivers' licenses and identicards must not contain: (1) Driver  
11 social security numbers in either visible or machine readable  
12 form; or (2) driver fingerprints or thumbprints."

13            **Sec. 2.** RCW 26.23.140 and 1998 c 160 s 6 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15            The federal personal responsibility and work opportunity  
16 reconciliation act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, requires states to  
17 collect social security numbers as part of the application process

1 for professional licenses, driver's licenses, occupational  
2 licenses, and recreational licenses. The legislature finds that if  
3 social security numbers are accessible to the public, it will be  
4 relatively easy for someone to use another's social security  
5 number fraudulently to assume that person's identity and gain  
6 access to bank accounts, credit services, billing information,  
7 driving history, and other sources of personal information.  
8 (~~Public Law 104-193 could compound and exacerbate the disturbing~~  
9 ~~trend of social security number related fraud. In order to prevent~~  
10 ~~fraud and curtail invasions of privacy, the governor, through the~~  
11 ~~department of social and health services, shall seek a waiver to~~  
12 ~~the federal mandate to record social security numbers on~~  
13 ~~applications for professional, driver's, occupational, and~~  
14 ~~recreational licenses. If a waiver is not granted, the licensing~~  
15 ~~agencies shall collect and disclose social security numbers as~~  
16 ~~required under RCW 26.23.150.))~~)

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 26.23.150 and 1999 c 138 s 2 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 In order to assist in child support enforcement as required by  
20 federal law, all applicants for an original, replacement, or  
21 renewal of a professional license, commercial driver's license,  
22 occupational license, or recreational license must furnish the  
23 licensing agency with the applicant's social security number,  
24 which shall be recorded on the application. (~~No applicant for an~~  
25 ~~original, replacement, or renewal noncommercial driver's license~~  
26 ~~is required to furnish the licensing agency with the applicant's~~  
27 ~~social security number for purposes of assisting in child support~~  
28 ~~enforcement prior to the time necessary to comply with the federal~~  
29 ~~deadline.)) The licensing agencies collecting social security  
30 numbers shall not display the social security number on the  
31 license document. Social security numbers collected by licensing  
32 agencies shall not be disclosed except as required by state or  
33 federal law or under RCW 26.23.120.~~

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