

SENATE BILL NO. 304—SENATOR BEERS

MARCH 24, 2005

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes Attorney General to issue identity theft passports to victims of identity theft. (BDR 15-940)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to personal identifying information; authorizing the Attorney General to issue identity theft passports to victims of identity theft; prescribing the manner in which victims of identity theft may use such passports; authorizing the Attorney General to adopt regulations relating to the issuance of identity theft passports; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 205 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. A person who is a victim of identity theft in this State and who has filed with a law enforcement agency a written report stating that the person is a victim of identity theft may apply for an identity theft passport through any law enforcement agency.*

*2. A law enforcement agency that receives an application for an identity theft passport shall submit the application and a copy of the written report described in subsection 1 to the Attorney General for processing for issuance of an identity theft passport.*

*3. The Attorney General, in cooperation with any law enforcement agency, may issue an identity theft passport to a person who is a victim of identity theft. The Attorney General shall not issue an identity theft passport to any person before completing a background check on such person.*



1     4. A person who is issued an identity theft passport pursuant  
2 to subsection 3 may present his identity theft passport to:

3     (a) A law enforcement agency to help prevent the arrest or  
4 detention of the person for an offense committed by another  
5 person using his personal identifying information; or

6     (b) A creditor to aid in the investigation of any fraudulent  
7 account that is opened in his name or any fraudulent charge that  
8 is made against an account in his name.

9     5. The law enforcement agency or creditor that is presented  
10 with an identity theft passport pursuant to subsection 4 has sole  
11 discretion to accept or reject such passport. In determining  
12 whether to accept or reject the identity theft passport, the law  
13 enforcement agency or creditor may consider the surrounding  
14 circumstances and available information regarding the identity  
15 theft of the person.

16     6. An application for an identity theft passport submitted  
17 pursuant to this section, including any supporting documentation,  
18 is not a public record and no part of it may be released except to a  
19 law enforcement agency in this or another state.

20     7. The Attorney General shall adopt regulations necessary to  
21 carry out the provisions of this section.

22     8. As used in this section:

23     (a) "Identity theft" means a violation of the provisions of NRS  
24 205.463, 205.464 or 205.465.

25     (b) "Identity theft passport" means a card or certificate issued  
26 by the Attorney General that verifies the identity of a person who  
27 is a victim of identity theft.

28     **Sec. 2.** NRS 205.461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29     205.461 As used in NRS 205.461 to 205.4657, inclusive, **and**  
30 **section 1 of this act**, unless the context otherwise requires, the  
31 words and terms defined in NRS 205.4613 to 205.4627, inclusive,  
32 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

33     **Sec. 3.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
34 approval.

35     2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective upon passage  
36 and approval for the purposes of adopting regulations and on  
37 January 1, 2006, for all other purposes.

