

SENATE BILL NO. 282—SENATORS GUSTAVSON; CEGAVSKE, DENIS,  
HALSETH, KIECKHEFER, McGINNESS, ROBERSON AND  
SETTELMEYER

MARCH 21, 2011

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN SHERWOOD; AIZLEY, ELLISON,  
GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HAMBRICK, HAMMOND, HANSEN,  
HICKEY, KIRNER, KITE AND MCARTHUR

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

**SUMMARY**—Prohibits the intentional public posting or displaying of the social security number of another person. (BDR 15-792)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.

Effect on the State: No.

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

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AN ACT relating to crimes; prohibiting the intentional public posting or displaying of the social security number of another person; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1        This bill prohibits a person from intentionally posting or displaying in any  
2        public manner the social security number of another person unless the person is  
3        authorized or required to do so by specific federal or state law or regulation. Unless  
4        a greater penalty is provided by specific statute, a person who violates this  
5        provision is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by imprisonment in the  
6        county jail for not more than 6 months or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or  
7        both. This bill also authorizes a person whose social security number has been  
8        unlawfully posted or displayed to bring a civil cause of action against the person  
9        who posted or displayed his or her social security number and to recover actual  
10      damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs from that person.

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

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

3      *1. A person shall not intentionally post or display in any  
4 public manner the social security number of another person  
5 unless the person is authorized or required to do so by specific  
6 federal or state law or regulation.*

7      *2. Unless a greater penalty is provided by specific statute, a  
8 person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

9      *3. A person whose social security number has been  
10 intentionally posted or displayed in violation of this section may  
11 bring a civil cause of action against the person who commits such  
12 a violation. The court may award actual damages, reasonable  
13 attorney's fees and costs to the person whose social security  
14 number has been intentionally posted or displayed in violation of  
15 this section.*

16      *4. As used in this section, "person" includes a government,  
17 governmental agency or political subdivision of a government.*

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