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1 AN ACT Relating to restricting use of social security numbers;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 43.17 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 35.21 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a city or  
8 town:

9 (a) May not ask for and obtain the social security number of any  
10 person;

11 (b) May not keep the social security number of any person. Any  
12 person's social security number that the city or town has in its  
13 possession on the effective date of this section must be destroyed; and

14 (c) May not sell, give, or otherwise transfer the social security  
15 number of any person.

16 (2)(a) A city or town may ask for and obtain the social security  
17 number of any person if it is required to do so by federal law.

18 (b) If this section is found to be in conflict with federal  
19 requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of

1 federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of this act remains  
2 operative regardless of the conflict.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a state  
6 agency as defined in RCW 43.17.320:

7 (a) May not ask for and obtain the social security number of any  
8 person;

9 (b) May not keep the social security number of any person. Any  
10 person's social security number that the state agency has in its  
11 possession on the effective date of this section must be destroyed; and

12 (c) May not sell, give, or otherwise transfer the social security  
13 number of any person.

14 (2)(a) A state agency may ask for and obtain the social security  
15 number of any person if it is required to do so by federal law.

16 (b) If this section is found to be in conflict with federal  
17 requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of  
18 federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of this act remains  
19 operative regardless of the conflict.

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