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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 requirement until October
15 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 license applications. Therefore, the legislature intends to delay the

1 implementation of provisions enacted in 1998 requiring social security
2 numbers be recorded on all applications for licenses.

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

5 (~~In order to assist in child support enforcement as required by~~
6 ~~federal law, all applicants~~) No applicant for an original,
7 replacement, or renewal of a professional license, driver's license,
8 occupational license, or recreational license (~~must~~) is required to
9 furnish the licensing agency with the applicant's social security
10 number(~~, which shall be recorded on the application~~) for purposes of
11 assisting in child support enforcement until the federal government
12 takes final legislative and administrative action to require an
13 applicant to provide his or her social security number. The licensing
14 agencies collecting social security numbers shall not display the
15 social security number on the license document. Social security
16 numbers collected by licensing agencies shall not be disclosed except
17 as required by state or federal law or under RCW 26.23.120.

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