

1998 PUBLIC AND LOCAL ACTS

[No. 331]

(SB 797)

AN ACT to amend 1996 PA 236, entitled "An act to provide for the suspension of certain occupational licenses under certain circumstances; and to provide for certain powers and duties for certain state agencies," (MCL 338.3431 to 338.3436) by amending the title and by adding section 4a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

TITLE

An act to provide for the suspension of certain occupational licenses under certain circumstances; to require social security numbers on applications for occupational licenses as required by federal law; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments.

338.3434a Social security number; inclusion on license application form; disclosure prohibited; violation; penalty; exception.
[M.S.A. 18.423(4a)]

Sec. 4a. (1) In order to facilitate the enforcement and administration of this act and as required to comply with federal law, an occupational regulatory agency shall require each applicant for a license or renewal of a license to include his or her social security number on the application form. An occupational regulatory agency shall not issue or renew a license unless the applicant's social security number is on file with the occupational regulatory agency as required to comply with federal law. An occupational regulatory agency shall not display a licensee's social security number on the licensee's occupational license.

(2) A person shall not intentionally disclose, in a manner not authorized by law or rule, a social security number collected as required by this section. A violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both. A second or subsequent violation of this subsection is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(3) A requirement under this section to include a social security number on an application does not apply to an applicant who demonstrates he or she is exempt under law from obtaining a social security number or to an applicant who for religious convictions is exempt under law from disclosure of his or her social security number under these circumstances. The occupational regulatory agency shall inform the applicant of this possible exemption.

Effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect June 30, 1998.

Utilization or enforcement of provisions regarding recording of social security numbers.

Enacting section 2. The family independence agency shall request from the federal government an exemption from the provisions regarding the recording of social security numbers added by this 1998 amendatory act, which are intended to be used for the collection of child support, as required by federal law in order for this state to receive certain federal funds. Upon the granting of the exemption, those provisions referred to by this enacting section shall not be utilized or enforced by the state or a local governmental entity.

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This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
Approved August 10, 1998.
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