

HOUSE No. 1413

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act further regulating the disclosure and use of social security numbers..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:—Section 148. (a) No person shall require the disclosure or use of the social
3 security number of any individual, unless expressly authorized by state or federal law, the
4 citation of which shall be specified to the individual at the time of the disclosure or use.

5 Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the voluntary disclosure or use of the social
6 security number of an individual. A violation of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of
7 \$50. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense. (b) Any person who requires the
8 disclosure or use of the social security number of an individual in violation of the provisions of
9 subsection (a) and as a condition precedent to entering into a contract of doing business with
10 such individual shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000. Each violation shall constitute a separate
11 offense.

12 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one of this act, any lawful use of
13 a social security number occurring on the effective date of this act may continue until January 1,
14 2010.