

By: Representative Mayo

To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 251
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A STATE AGENCY MAILS, DELIVERS OR
2 OTHERWISE DISSEMINATES INFORMATION OR MATERIAL THAT CONTAINS THE
3 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF AN INDIVIDUAL, THE AGENCY SHALL TAKE
4 SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE REASONABLY NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE
5 INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
6 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR TO PERSONS OTHER THAN THOSE PERSONS
7 HAVING A LEGITIMATE AND LAWFUL NEED TO KNOW THE INDIVIDUAL'S
8 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES; AND FOR
9 RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** When any state agency mails, delivers,
12 circulates, publishes, distributes, transmits, or otherwise
13 disseminates, in any form or manner, information or material that
14 contains the social security number of an individual, the agency
15 shall take such steps as may be reasonably necessary to prevent
16 the inadvertent disclosure of the individual's social security
17 number to members of the general public or to persons other than
18 those persons who, in the performance of their duties and
19 responsibilities, have a lawful and legitimate need to know the
20 individual's social security number. State agencies shall be in
21 compliance with this act on or before July 1, 2003.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 2002.

