

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1303
(Representatives Drovdal, Kempenich)
(Senator Urlacher)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the recovery of damages for fraudulent use of social security numbers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Damages for fraudulent use of social security number - Attorney's fees.

1. No person may buy or otherwise obtain or sell, offer for for sale, take or give in exchange, pledge or give in pledge, or use any individual's social security account number, or any derivative of the number, for the purpose of committing fraud or fraudulently using or assuming the individual's identity.
2. Any individual aggrieved by the act of any person in violation of subsection 1 may bring a claim for relief to recover any equitable relief as the court determines to be appropriate and the greater of the actual damages or liquidated damages of up to ten thousand dollars.
3. In addition to any damages or other relief awarded under subsection 2, if the aggrieved individual prevails, the court may assess against the defendant reasonable attorney's fees and any other litigation costs and expenses, including expert fees, reasonably incurred by the aggrieved individual.
4. Any action brought under this section is in addition to any criminal prosecution that may be brought under any state or federal law.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1303.

House Vote: Yeas 96 Nays 0 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State