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| | LONG TITLE |
| | General Description: |
| | This bill modifies the Criminal Code regarding communications fraud penalties. |
| | Highlighted Provisions: |
| | This bill: |
| | provides that when an act of communications fraud involves obtaining sensitive |
| | personal identifying information, the offense is a second degree felony and the |
| | penalty is not based on the value involved. |
| | Monies Appropriated in this Bill: |
| | None |
| | Other Special Clauses: |
| | None |
| | Utah Code Sections Affected: |
| | AMENDS: |
| | 76-10-1801, as last amended by Chapter 291, Laws of Utah 1995 |
| | Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah: |
| | Section 1. Section 76-10-1801 is amended to read: |
| | 76-10-1801. Communications fraud Elements Penalties. |
| | (1) Any person who has devised any scheme or artifice to defraud another or to obtain |
| | from another money, property, or anything of value by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, |
| | representations, promises, or material omissions, and who communicates directly or indirectly |
| | with any person by any means for the purpose of executing or concealing the scheme or artifice |

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30 is guilty of: 31 (a) a class B misdemeanor when the value of the property, money, or thing obtained or 32 sought to be obtained is less than \$300; 33 (b) a class A misdemeanor when the value of the property, money, or thing obtained or 34 sought to be obtained is or exceeds \$300 but is less than \$1,000; 35 (c) a third degree felony when the value of the property, money, or thing obtained or 36 sought to be obtained is or exceeds \$1,000 but is less than \$5,000; 37 (d) a second degree felony when the value of the property, money, or thing obtained or 38 sought to be obtained is or exceeds \$5,000; [and] 39 (e) a second degree felony when the object of the scheme or artifice to defraud is other 40 than the obtaining of something of monetary value[-]; and 41 (f) a second degree felony when the object or purpose of the scheme or artifice to 42 defraud is the obtaining of sensitive personal identifying information, regardless of the value. 43 (2) The determination of the degree of any offense under Subsection (1) shall be 44 measured by the total value of all property, money, or things obtained or sought to be obtained 45 by the scheme or artifice described in Subsection (1) except as provided in Subsection (1)(e). 46 (3) Reliance on the part of any person is not a necessary element of the offense described in Subsection (1). 47 48 (4) An intent on the part of the perpetrator of any offense described in Subsection (1) to 49 permanently deprive any person of property, money, or thing of value is not a necessary 50 element of the offense. 51 (5) Each separate communication made for the purpose of executing or concealing a 52 scheme or artifice described in Subsection (1) is a separate act and offense of communication 53 fraud. 54 (6) (a) To communicate as described in Subsection (1) means to bestow, convey, make 55 known, recount, impart; to give by way of information; to talk over; or to transmit information. 56 (b) Means of communication include but are not limited to use of the mail, telephone, 57 telegraph, radio, television, newspaper, computer, and spoken and written communication.

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- 58 (7) A person may not be convicted under this section unless the pretenses,
- 59 representations, promises, or material omissions made or omitted were made or omitted
- 60 intentionally, knowingly, or with a reckless disregard for the truth.
- 61 (8) As used in this section, "sensitive personal identifying information" means any of
- 62 <u>the following information regarding an individual's:</u>
- 63 (a) Social Security number;
- 64 (b) driver's license number or other government issued identification number;
- 65 (c) financial account number or credit or debit card number;
- 66 (d) password or personal identification number or other identification required to gain
- 67 access to a financial account or a secure website;
- 68 (e) automated or electronic signature;
- 69 (f) unique biometric data; or
- 70 (g) any other information that can be used to gain access to an individual's financial
- 71 accounts or to obtain goods or services.