

1 **RECEIPT OF WELFARE BENEFITS AMENDMENTS**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: John Dougall**

5 Senate Sponsor: John L. Valentine

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies the Utah Workforce Services Code by adding duties to the
10 Department of Workforce Services related to reporting misuse of an individual Social
11 Security number.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ requires the Department of Workforces Services to inform the owner of a Social
- 15 Security number and an appropriate law enforcement agency if, in the process of
- 16 determining an individual's eligibility for a public benefit, the department learns a
- 17 valid Social Security number is being used by an unauthorized individual; and
- 18 ▶ makes technical changes.

19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 This bill appropriates:

- 21 ▶ to the Department of Workforce Services, as an ongoing appropriation:
- 22 • from the General Fund, \$10,000, subject to the intent language restricting the
- 23 use of the funds for a specific purpose.

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:



28 35A-1-104.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 383



30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section 35A-1-104.5 is amended to read:

32 **35A-1-104.5. Other department duties -- Strategic plan for health system reform**
33 **-- Reporting suspected misuse of a Social Security number.**

34 (1) The department shall work with the Department of Health, the Insurance
35 Department, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, and the Legislature to develop
36 the health system reform in accordance with Title 63M, Chapter 1, Part 25, Health System
37 Reform Act.

38 (2) In the process of determining an individual's eligibility for a public benefit or
39 service under this title or under federal law, if the department determines that a valid Social
40 Security number is being used by an unauthorized individual, the department shall:

41 (a) inform the individual who the department determines to be the likely actual owner
42 of the Social Security number or, if the likely actual owner is a minor, the minor's parent or
43 guardian, of the suspected misuse; and

44 (b) subject to federal law, provide information of the suspected misuse to an
45 appropriate law enforcement agency responsible for investigating identity fraud.

46 (3) If the department learns or determines that providing information under Subsection
47 (2)(b) is prohibited by federal law, the department shall notify the Legislative Management
48 Committee.

49 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

50 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
51 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or
52 reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the
53 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. These are additions to any
54 amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2013.

55	<u>To Department of Workforce Services</u>	
56	<u>From General Fund</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
57	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
58	<u>Unemployment Insurance</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

59 Eligibility Services \$5,000

60 The Legislature intends that the appropriations under this section be used by the
61 Department of Workforce Services to report suspected misuse of Social Security numbers as
62 provided under Section 35A-4-312.5 and Subsection 35A-1-104.5(2).

63 Section 3. **Effective date.**

64 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

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