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of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2251**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 51-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
2 to requiring disclosure to consumers of a breach in security by businesses maintaining personal  
3 information in electronic form; to amend and reenact sections 12.1-23-11 and 12.1-23-12 of the  
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the unauthorized use of personal identifying  
5 information, penalties, prosecution of offenses in multiple counties, and jurisdiction in offenses  
6 involving conduct outside this state; to provide a penalty; to provide an effective date; and to  
7 declare an emergency.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-23-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **12.1-23-11. Unauthorized use of personal identifying information - Penalty.**

- 12 1. As used in this section, "personal identifying information" means any of the  
13 following information:
- 14 a. An individual's name;
  - 15 b. An individual's address;
  - 16 c. An individual's telephone number;
  - 17 d. The distinguishing operator's license number assigned to an individual by the  
18 department of transportation under section ~~39-04-14~~ 39-06-14;
  - 19 e. An individual's social security number;
  - 20 f. An individual's employer or place of employment;
  - 21 g. An identification number assigned to the individual by the individual's  
22 employer;
  - 23 h. The maiden name of the individual's mother; ~~or~~
  - 24 i. The identifying number of a depository account in a financial institution; or

- 1           j. An individual's birth, death, or marriage certificate.
- 2           2. A person is guilty of ~~a class C felony~~ an offense if the person uses or attempts to  
3           use any personal identifying information of an individual, living or deceased, to  
4           obtain credit, money, goods, services, or anything else of value without the  
5           authorization or consent of the individual and by representing that person is the  
6           individual or is acting with the authorization or consent of the individual. The  
7           offense is a class B felony if the credit, money, goods, services, or anything else of  
8           value exceeds one thousand dollars in value, otherwise the offense is a class C  
9           felony. A second or subsequent offense is a class A felony.
- 10          3. A violation of this section, of a law of another state, or of federal law that is  
11          equivalent to this section and which resulted in a plea or finding of guilt must be  
12          considered a prior offense. The prior offense must be alleged in the complaint,  
13          information, or indictment. The plea or finding of guilt for the prior offense must  
14          have occurred before the date of the commission of the offense or offenses  
15          charged in the complaint, information, or indictment.
- 16          4. A prosecution for a violation of this section must be commenced within six years  
17          after discovery by the victim of the offense of the facts constituting the violation.
- 18          5. When a person commits violations of this section in more than one county  
19          involving either one or more victims or the commission of acts constituting an  
20          element of the offense, the multiple offenses may be consolidated for  
21          commencement of prosecution in any county where one of the offenses was  
22          committed.

23           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
24   amended and reenacted as follows:

25           **12.1-23-12. Jurisdiction - Conduct outside this state.** Notwithstanding section  
26   29-03-01.1, a person who, while outside this state and by use of deception, obtains, deprives,  
27   or conspires, solicits, or attempts to obtain the property of a person within this state or to  
28   deprive such person of property is subject to prosecution under this chapter in the courts of this  
29   state. ~~The~~ Except as provided in section 12.1-23-11, the venue is in the county in which the  
30   victim resides or any other county in which any part of the crime occurred.

1           **SECTION 3.** Chapter 51-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
2 as follows:

3           **51-30-01. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise  
4 requires:

5           1. "Breach of the security system" means unauthorized acquisition of computerized  
6 data when access to personal information has not been secured by encryption or  
7 by any other method or technology that renders the electronic files, media, or data  
8 bases unreadable or unusable. Good-faith acquisition of personal information by  
9 an employee or agent of the person is not a breach of the security of the system, if  
10 the personal information is not used or subject to further unauthorized disclosure.

11          2. a. "Personal information" means an individual's first name or first initial and last  
12 name in combination with any of the following data elements, when the name  
13 and the data elements are not encrypted:

14           (1) The individual's social security number;

15           (2) The operator's license number assigned to an individual by the  
16 department of transportation under section 39-06-14;

17           (3) A nondriver color photo identification card number assigned to the  
18 individual by the department of transportation under section 39-06-03.1;

19           (4) The individual's financial institution account number, credit card  
20 number, or debit card number in combination with any required security  
21 code, access code or password that would permit access to an  
22 individual's financial accounts;

23           (5) The individual's date of birth;

24           (6) The maiden name of the individual's mother;

25           (7) An identification number assigned to the individual by the individual's  
26 employer; or

27           (8) The individual's digitized or other electronic signature.

28          b. "Personal information" does not include publicly available information that is  
29 lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state, or local  
30 government records.

1           **51-30-02. Notice to consumers.** Any person that conducts business in this state, and  
2 that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information, shall disclose any  
3 breach of the security of the system following discovery or notification of the breach in the  
4 security of the data to any resident of the state whose unencrypted personal information was,  
5 or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. The disclosure  
6 must be made in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay, consistent  
7 with the legitimate needs of law enforcement, as provided in section 51-30-04, or any measures  
8 necessary to determine the scope of the breach and to restore the integrity of the data system.

9           **51-30-03. Notice to owner or licensee of personal information.** Any person that  
10 maintains computerized data that includes personal information that the person does not own  
11 shall notify the owner or licensee of the information of the breach of the security of the data  
12 immediately following the discovery, if the personal information was, or is reasonably believed  
13 to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.

14           **51-30-04. Delayed notice.** The notification required by this chapter may be delayed if  
15 a law enforcement agency determines that the notification will impede a criminal investigation.  
16 The notification required by this chapter must be made after the law enforcement agency  
17 determines that the notification will not compromise the investigation.

18           **51-30-05. Method of notice.** Notice under this chapter may be provided by one of the  
19 following methods:

- 20           1. Written notice;
- 21           2. Electronic notice, if the notice provided is consistent with the provisions regarding  
22 electronic records and signatures set forth in section 7001 of title 15 of the United  
23 States Code; or
- 24           3. Substitute notice, if the person demonstrates that the cost of providing notice  
25 would exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or that the affected class of  
26 subject persons to be notified exceeds five hundred thousand, or the person does  
27 not have sufficient contact information. Substitute notice consists of the following:
  - 28           a. E-mail notice when the person has an e-mail address for the subject persons;
  - 29           b. Conspicuous posting of the notice on the person's web site page, if the  
30 person maintains one; and
  - 31           c. Notification to major statewide media.

1           **51-30-06. Alternate compliance.** Notwithstanding section 51-30-05, a person that  
2 maintains its own notification procedures as part of an information security policy for the  
3 treatment of personal information and is otherwise consistent with the timing requirements of  
4 this chapter is deemed to be in compliance with the notification requirements of this chapter if  
5 the person notifies subject individuals in accordance with its policies in the event of a breach of  
6 security of the system. A financial institution, trust company, or credit union that is subject to,  
7 examined for, and in compliance with the federal interagency guidance on response programs  
8 for unauthorized access to customer information and customer notice is deemed to be in  
9 compliance with this chapter.

10           **51-30-07. Enforcement - Powers - Remedies - Penalties.** The attorney general may  
11 enforce this chapter. The attorney general, in enforcing this chapter, has all the powers  
12 provided in chapter 51-15 and may seek all the remedies in chapter 51-15. A violation of this  
13 chapter is deemed a violation of chapter 51-15. The remedies, duties, prohibitions, and  
14 penalties of this chapter are not exclusive and are in addition to all other causes of action,  
15 remedies, and penalties under chapter 51-15, or otherwise provided by law.

16           **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on June 1, 2005.

17           **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.