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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Tanzi, Amore, Kazarian, Shanley, Cortvriend,
Tobon, C Lima, and Craven

Date Introduced: February 12, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6-13 of the General Laws entitled "Unfair Sales Practices" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **6-13-17.1. Social Security and personal information online protection.**

4 (a) Any person or entity who collects a social security number, driver's license number, a
5 state identification card number, a credit or debit card number, a passport number, an alien
6 registration number, and/or a health insurance identification number in the course of business shall
7 be required to create a privacy protection policy which shall be published or publicly displayed.
8 For purposes of this section, "publicly displayed" includes, but is not limited to, posting on an
9 Internet webpage. Such policy shall:

10 (1) Protect the confidentiality of this personal information;

11 (2) Prohibit unlawful disclosure of this personal information; and

12 (3) Limit access to this personal information.

13 (b) Any person or entity that violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil
14 penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation; provided, such civil penalty shall not
15 exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for any single event.

16 (c) Any civil penalties received pursuant to this section shall be a restricted receipt for
17 public education.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require all persons or entities collecting social security and other personal
- 2 identification numbers to create and publicly display a privacy protection policy. Violations of this
- 3 requirement would incur a civil penalty of five-hundred dollars (\$500).
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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