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*Final Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

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**Effective date: September 19, 2001**

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### **ACT SUMMARY**

- Prohibits the display of Social Security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Continuing law specifies the information that must be contained in an application for annual motor vehicle registration. Among other required information, the application must include either the owner's Social Security number (if assigned) or the owner's federal taxpayer identification number for certain types of vehicles used in business. The Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a deputy registrar must refuse an application if it is not in proper form.

Although continuing law does not specify the content of the actual certificate of registration, the application information generally is contained on the certificate of registration, including, prior to the act, the owner's Social Security number. The act continues the requirement that an application for motor vehicle registration contain the owner's social security number (or tax ID number) and additionally requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to retain in its records all Social Security numbers provided on applications for registration. However, the act prohibits the Bureau from placing the Social Security number on the certificate of registration. (R.C. 4503.10(A)(7).)

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE	JOURNAL ENTRY
Introduced	02-06-01	p. 118
Reported, S. Highways & Transportation	03-08-01	p. 197
Passed Senate (33-0)	03-14-01	p. 218
Reported, H. Transportation & Public Safety	05-02-01	pp. 398-399
Passed House (98-0)	05-29-01	pp. 481-482

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