

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 818  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 10, insert:

“Preamble

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission recently estimated that 27.3 million people nationwide have been victims of some form of identity theft over the last 5 years, and 9.9 million people were victims during 2002 alone;

WHEREAS, Approximately 3,500 people in Maryland reported being victims of identity theft during 2002;

WHEREAS, Fraud based on identity theft cost businesses in the United States approximately \$47.6 billion, or approximately \$4,800 per victim on average;

WHEREAS, Victims of identity theft may be forced to spend months or even years and thousands of dollars to clear their good names and credit records; and

WHEREAS, Victims of identity theft may lose job opportunities, be refused credit, or even be arrested for crimes they did not commit; now, therefore,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with the first “the” in line 4 down through “(7)” in line 6; in line 12, strike “with” and substitute “having”; in the same line, strike “office”; in line 13, after “union,” insert “and”; in line 16, strike “(8)” and substitute “(7)”; in line 19, strike “from the retail industry” and substitute “who is a retailer in Maryland”; and in line 22, strike “three representatives who are” and substitute “one representative who is”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 17, after “with” insert “federal and”; in the same line, strike “and”; in line 18, strike “federal”; in the same line, after “including” insert “the provisions of”; in line 19, after “and” insert “5 U.S.C. § 552a of”; and strike beginning with the second “of” in line 19 down through “§ 552a” in line 20.