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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1494 (Delegate Norman, *et al.*)  
Health and Government Operations

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**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Forms - Social Security Number**

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This bill prohibits the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene from requiring or requesting the inclusion of an individual's complete Social Security number on a change of marital status form. The form may request the inclusion of the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number to be used as an identifier for administrative purposes.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures increase by \$5,000 in FY 2011 to reprint forms to include only the last four digits of an individual's Social Security number. Future year expenditures are not affected. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	5,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must collect, index, and safeguard the marriage, divorce, and annulment records that clerks of court file as

provided by law. At intervals set by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, each court clerk must send to the Secretary:

- a copy of the record of each marriage that the clerk licenses and records;
- a report of each divorce the court grants;
- a report of each annulment of a marriage that the court grants or effects by entering a conviction of bigamy or of marrying within any prohibited degree; and
- a report of any change in marriage, divorce, or annulment record, in which the clerk must certify that the change is correct and conforms to the corresponding record of the clerk.

The report of a divorce or annulment or of a change in a marriage, divorce, or annulment record must be made on the form that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene provides.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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