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House Bill 1717
Ways and Means

(Delegates Wilkins and A. Washington)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

State Government - Protection of Information - Voter Registration Numbers

This emergency bill excludes a voter registration number from the definition of “personal information,” under provisions requiring State and local government units – that collect personal information of individuals – to protect the personal information from unauthorized access, use, modification, or disclosure.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Pursuant to Chapter 304 of 2013, a State or local government unit that collects personal information of an individual must implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices – to protect the personal information from unauthorized access, use, modification, or disclosure – that are appropriate to the nature of the personal information collected and the nature of the unit and its operations. Specified measures are also required to be taken with respect to the destruction of records containing personal information and any security breaches of computer systems containing personal information.

“Personal information” is defined as an individual’s first name or first initial and last name, personal mark, or unique biometric or genetic print or image, in combination with one or

more of the following data elements: (1) a Social Security number; (2) a driver's license number, a state identification card number, or other individual identification number issued by a unit; (3) a passport number or other identification number issued by the U.S. government; (4) an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number; or (5) a financial or other account number, a credit card number, or a debit card number that, in combination with any required security code, access code, or password, would permit access to an individual's account.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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