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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1418, L.D. 2002, Bill, "An Act To Improve Compliance with Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy Registration and Licensure Requirements"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 3 in paragraph L by striking out all of subparagraph (2) (page 2, lines 6 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(2) Social security numbers provided to the department pursuant to subsection 3 may be used by the office of marijuana policy within the department to verify the identity of each applicant for a registry identification card. A public official or an employee or agent of the office of marijuana policy within the department may not inspect, review, divulge, make known in any manner or otherwise use an individual's social security number for any purpose other than the conduct of the official duties described in this section. A person who intentionally or knowingly violates this subparagraph commits a Class E crime.'

Amend the bill in Part B in section 1 in §106 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 2, lines 32 to 41 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'3. Social security number disclosure required. Prior to issuing or renewing an individual identification card to a natural person pursuant to this section, the department shall require the person to disclose to the department the person's social security number to allow the department to verify the identity of the individual identification card holder. A public official or an employee or agent of the office of marijuana policy within the department may not inspect, review, divulge, make known in any manner or otherwise use any individual's social security number for any purpose other than the conduct of the official duties described in this section. A person who intentionally or knowingly violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee:

1. Clarifies that a public official or employee or agent of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of marijuana policy who inspects, reviews, divulges, makes known in any manner or otherwise uses any individual's social security number for any purpose other than the conduct of official duties commits a Class E crime if such conduct is intentional or knowing. Under the bill, such violation is based on conduct described as willful; and
2. Strikes from the bill provisions requiring the dismissal from office of a public official or employee or agent of the office of marijuana policy who willfully uses an individual's social security number for an unauthorized purpose.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)