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SPONSOR(S): Geist and Pennacchio

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COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Telecommunications and Utilities

SENATE: ----

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A3340

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S727

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A3340

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:		No
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ASSEMBLY, No. 3340

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 22, 2001

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Assemblyman JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

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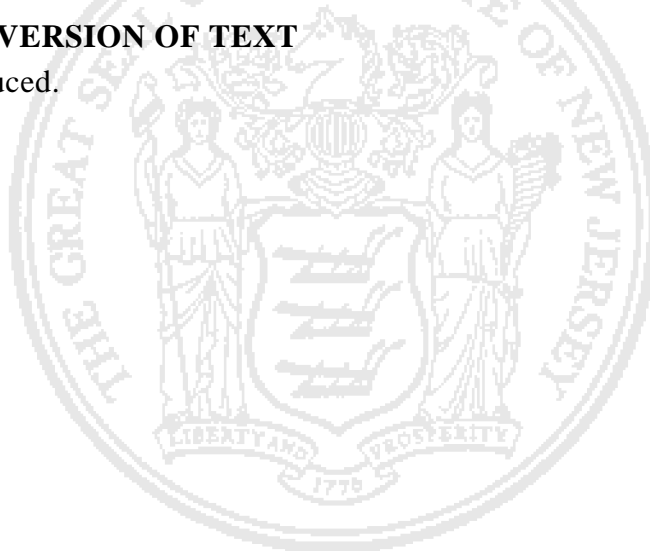
Assemblymen Jones, Arnone, Asselta, Azzolina, Bateman, Biondi, Blee, Bodine, Carroll, Chatzidakis, Cottrell, DeCroce, Assemblywoman Farragher, Assemblymen Felice, Garrett, Gibson, Assemblywoman Heck, Assemblymen Holzapfel, Kean, Kelly, LeFevre, Malone, Merkt, Munoz, Russo, T.Smith, Thompson, Assemblywoman Vandervalk, Assemblymen Wolfe, Zecker and Senator O'Toole

SYNOPSIS

Removes requirement that a public utility employee's Social Security number appear on employee's identification badge.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/4/2001)

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1 AN ACT removing the requirement that a public utility employee's
2 Social Security number appear on the employee's identification
3 badge and amending P.L.1977, c.35.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and the General Assembly of the
6 State of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 2 of P.L.1977, c. 35 (C.48:3-43) is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 2. The identification badge shall not be larger than 2 " x 4 " and
11 shall be made in such a way and of such material that any attempt to
12 alter said badge will result in it being immediately, permanently and
13 obviously ruined. The card shall be in the following form:

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15	Color Photograph of	Employee's Name
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17	Employee's Face in	[Employees' Soc. Sec. No.]
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19	a size adequate to	Date of Issuance
20		
21	permit recognition	Employee's Signature
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23	Validation	Public Utility's Name
24	(cf: P.L.1977, c. 35, s. 2.)	
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26 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill removes the requirement that a public utility employee's
32 Social Security number appear on the employee's identification badge.

33 The law requiring a public utility employee to wear a company-
34 issued identification badge was enacted in 1977 in response to
35 numerous robberies that took place in New Jersey in which criminals
36 posed as utility employees to gain access to residences.

37 The requirement that the employee's Social Security number appear
38 on the badge was included as an additional measure to prevent fraud.
39 The badge also has other security features including a picture of the
40 employee, the employee's name, the date of issuance, the public
41 utility's name and the employee's signature. While adding the Social
42 Security number as a security feature may have been deemed an
43 appropriate security measure at the time, the problem of identity theft

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2 Social Security number to fall into the wrong hands and be misused.
3 The presence of an employee's Social Security number on a visible
4 badge, intended to be easily read, thus threatens the security of the
5 public utility employee.

ASSEMBLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3340

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 17, 2001

The Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3340.

As reported, this bill removes the requirement that a public utility employee's Social Security number appear on the employee's identification badge.

The law requiring a public utility employee to wear a company-issued identification badge was enacted in 1977 in response to numerous robberies that took place in New Jersey in which criminals posed as utility employees to gain access to residences.

The requirement that the employee's Social Security number appear on the badge was included as an additional measure to prevent fraud. The badge also has other security features including a picture of the employee, the employee's name, the date of issuance, the public utility's name and the employee's signature. While adding the Social Security number as a security feature may have been deemed an appropriate security measure at the time, the problem of identity theft has become a larger concern in recent years. It is possible for the Social Security number to fall into the wrong hands and be misused. The presence of an employee's Social Security number on a visible badge, intended to be easily read, thus threatens the security of the public utility employee.

SENATE, No. 727

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator C. LOUIS BASSANO

District 21 (Essex and Union)

Senator KEVIN J. O'TOOLE

District 21 (Essex and Union)

SYNOPSIS

Removes requirement that a public utility employee's Social Security number appear on employee's identification badge.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/8/2001)

1 AN ACT removing the requirement that a public utility employee's
2 Social Security number appear on the employee's identification
3 badge and amending P.L.1977, c.35.

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6 of New Jersey:

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 727

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2001

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 727.

This bill removes the requirement that a public utility employee's Social Security number appear on the employee's identification badge.

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P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 256, *approved November 15, 2001*
Assembly Bill No. 3340

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12 Removes requirement that a public utility employee's Social Security
13 number appear on employee's identification badge.

CHAPTER 256

AN ACT removing the requirement that a public utility employee's Social Security number appear on the employee's identification badge and amending P.L.1977, c.35.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 2 of P.L.1977, c. 35 (C.48:3-43) is amended to read as follows:

C.48:3-43 Size, form of badge.

2. The identification badge shall not be larger than 2 " x 4 " and shall be made in such a way and of such material that any attempt to alter said badge will result in it being immediately, permanently and obviously ruined. The card shall be in the following form:

Color Photograph of Employee's Face in a size adequate to permit recognition Validation	Employee's Name Date of Issuance Employee's Signature Public Utility's Name
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2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

Approved November 15, 2001.