

House Bill 1285

By: Representatives Randall of the 107th, Manning of the 32nd, Lucas of the 105th, Keen of the 146th, and Hugley of the 113th

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to forgery and related offenses, so as to create a new offense relative to using a
3 minor's social security number to establish a utility or other credit account; to provide for
4 definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
5 and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 forgery and related offenses, is amended by adding a new Code section to the end of the
10 article to read as follows:

11 "16-9-7.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Financial transaction card' shall have the same meaning as in paragraph (5) of Code
14 Section 16-9-30.

15 (2) 'Minor' means a person under the age of 17 years.

16 (3) 'Utility' means any publicly, privately, or cooperatively owned line, facility, or
17 system for producing, transmitting, or distributing communications, power, electricity,
18 light, heat, gas, oil products, water, steam, clay, waste, storm water not connected with
19 highway drainage, and other similar services and commodities. This term also means a
20 person, municipal corporation, county, state agency, or public authority which owns or
21 manages a utility as defined in this paragraph.

22 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly use the social security number of any
23 minor, other than the minor himself or herself, for the purpose of opening or establishing
24 an account with:

25 (1) A utility; or

1 (2) A business organization or financial institution or its duly authorized agent which
2 issues a financial transaction card.

3 (c) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be
4 guilty of a misdemeanor."

SECTION 2.

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.