

House Bill 1285 (FLOOR SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Randall of the 107<sup>th</sup> and Richardson of the 26<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

23 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly use the social security number of any  
24 minor, other than the minor himself or herself, for the purpose of opening or establishing  
25 an account for the extension of credit.

1 (d) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection (b) or (c) of this Code section shall  
2 be guilty of a misdemeanor."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.