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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 180

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BREACHES OF SECURITY INVOLVING PERSONAL INFORMATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend Chapter 12B, Title 6 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows and redesignating accordingly:

3 § 12B-100. Protection of personal information.

4 Any person who conducts business in this State and owns, licenses, or maintains personal information shall  
5 implement and maintain reasonable procedures and practices to prevent the unauthorized acquisition, use, modification,  
6 disclosure, or destruction of personal information collected or maintained in the regular course of business.

7 § 12B-101. Definitions.

8 For purposes of this chapter:

9 (1) ~~"Breach of the security of the system" means the~~ "Breach of security" means as follows:

10 ~~the a. The unauthorized acquisition of unencrypted computerized data that compromises the security,~~  
11 ~~confidentiality, or integrity of personal information maintained by an individual or a commercial entity.~~  
12 information. Good faith acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of ~~an individual or a~~  
13 ~~commercial entity~~ any person for the purposes of ~~the individual or the commercial entity~~ such person is  
14 not a breach of ~~the security of the system,~~ security, provided that the personal information is not used for  
15 an unauthorized purpose or subject to further unauthorized ~~disclosure;~~ disclosure.

16 b. The unauthorized acquisition of computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality,  
17 or integrity of personal information is not a breach of security to the extent that personal information  
18 contained therein is encrypted, unless such unauthorized acquisition includes, or is reasonably believed to  
19 include, the encryption key and the person that owns or licenses the encrypted information has a  
20 reasonable belief that the encryption key could render that personal information readable or useable.

21 (2) "~~Commercial entity~~" includes corporations, business trusts, estates, trusts, partnerships, limited  
22 partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, associations, organizations, joint ventures,  
23 governments, governmental subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or any other legal entity, whether for  
24 profit or not for profit;

25 (~~) "Determination of the breach of security"~~ means the point in time at which a person who owns or  
26 licenses computerized data has sufficient evidence to reasonably conclude that a breach of security of such  
27 computerized data has taken place.

28 (~~) "Encrypted"~~ means personal information that is rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable  
29 through a security technology or methodology generally accepted in the field of information security.

30 (~~) "Encryption key"~~ means the confidential key or process designed to render the encrypted personal  
31 information useable, readable, and decipherable.

32 (3) "~~Notice~~" means: means any of the following:

33 a. ~~Written notice;~~ notice.

34 b. ~~Telephonic notice;~~ notice.

35 c. Electronic notice, if the notice provided is consistent with the provisions regarding electronic  
36 records and signatures set forth in § 7001 of Title 15 of the United States Code; Code or if the person's  
37 primary means of communication with the resident is by electronic means.

38 d. Substitute notice, if the ~~individual or the commercial entity~~ person required to provide notice  
39 under this chapter demonstrates that the cost of providing notice will exceed \$75,000, or that the affected  
40 class number of Delaware residents to be notified exceeds 100,000 residents, or that the ~~individual or the~~  
41 ~~commercial entity~~ person does not have sufficient contact information to provide notice. Substitute notice  
42 consists of all of the following:

43 1. ~~E-mail~~ Electronic notice if the ~~individual or the commercial entity~~ person has e-mail ~~person has~~  
44 email addresses for the members of the affected class of Delaware residents; ~~and residents.~~

45 2. Conspicuous posting of the notice on the web site page of the ~~individual or the commercial~~  
46 ~~entity if the individual or the commercial entity maintains one;~~ and person if the person maintains  
47 one.

48 3. Notice to major statewide ~~media.~~ media, including newspapers, radio, and television and  
49 publication on the major social media platforms of the person providing notice.

50 () "Person" means an individual; corporation; business trust; estate trust; partnership; limited liability  
51 company; association; joint venture; government; governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality; public  
52 corporation; or any other legal or commercial entity.

53 (4)a. "Personal information" means a Delaware resident's first name or first initial and last name in  
54 combination with any 1 or more of the following data elements that relate to the resident, when either the name or  
55 the data elements are not encrypted: that individual:

56 a. 1. Social Security number; number.

57 b. 2. Driver's license number or Delaware Identification Card number; or state or federal  
58 identification card number.

59 c. 3. Account number, or credit credit card number, or debit card number, in combination with  
60 any required security code, access code, or password that would permit access to a resident's  
61 financial account.

62 4. Passport number.

63 5. A username or email address, in combination with a password or security question and answer  
64 that would permit access to an online account.

65 6. Medical history, mental or physical condition, medical treatment or diagnosis by a health care  
66 professional, or deoxyribonucleic acid profile.

67 7. Health insurance policy number, subscriber identification number, or any other unique  
68 identifier used by a health insurer to identify the person..

69 8. Unique biometric data generated from measurements or analysis of human body  
70 characteristics for authentication purposes.

71 9. An individual taxpayer identification number.

72 b. The term "personal "Personal information" does not include publicly available information that is  
73 lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state, or local government records; records or  
74 widely-distributed media.

75 § 12B-102. Disclosure of breach of security of computerized personal information by an individual or a  
76 commercial entity. security; notice.

77 (a) An individual or a commercial entity that conducts business in Delaware and that owns or licenses  
78 computerized data that includes personal information about a resident of Delaware shall, when it becomes aware of a  
79 breach of the security of the system, conduct in good faith a reasonable and prompt investigation to determine the

80 likelihood that personal information has been or will be misused. If the investigation determines that the misuse of  
81 information about a Delaware resident has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur, the individual or the commercial entity  
82 shall give notice as soon as possible to the affected Delaware resident. Notice must be made in the most expedient time  
83 possible and without unreasonable delay, consistent with the legitimate needs of law enforcement and consistent with any  
84 measures necessary to determine the scope of the breach and to restore the reasonable integrity of the computerized data  
85 system.

86 (a) Any person who conducts business in this State and who owns or licenses computerized data that includes  
87 personal information shall provide notice of any breach of security following determination of the breach of security to any  
88 resident of this State whose personal information was breached or is reasonably believed to have been breached, unless,  
89 after an appropriate investigation, the person reasonably determines that the breach of security is unlikely to result in harm  
90 to the individuals whose personal information has been breached.

91 (b) An individual or a commercial entity A person that maintains computerized data that includes personal  
92 information that the individual or the commercial entity person does not own or license shall give notice to and cooperate  
93 with the owner or licensee of the information of any breach of the security of the system immediately as soon as practicable  
94 following discovery of a breach, if misuse of personal information about a Delaware resident occurred or is reasonably  
95 likely to occur. Cooperation the breach of security. For purposes of this subsection, "cooperation" includes sharing with the  
96 owner or licensee information relevant to the breach.

97 (c) Notice required by § 12B-102(a) of this chapter may be delayed must be made without unreasonable delay but  
98 not later than 60 days after determination of the breach of security, except in the following situations:

99 (1) A shorter time is required under federal law, if a law enforcement

100 (2) A law enforcement agency determines that the notice will impede a criminal investigation and such  
101 law enforcement agency has made a request of the person that the notice be delayed. Notice required by this  
102 chapter must be made in good faith, without unreasonable delay and as soon as possible after the law enforcement  
103 agency determines that notification will no longer impede the investigation. Any such delayed notice must be  
104 made after such law enforcement agency determines that notice will not compromise the criminal investigation  
105 and so notifies the person of such determination.

106 (3) When a person otherwise required by § 12B-102(a) of this chapter to provide notice, could not,  
107 through reasonable diligence identify certain residents of this State whose personal information was breached  
108 within 60 days, such person must provide the notice required by § 12B-102(a) of this chapter as soon as  
109 practicable after the determination that the breach of security included the personal information of such residents.

110 (d) If the affected number of Delaware residents to be notified exceeds 500 residents, the person required to  
111 provide notice shall, not later than the time when notice is provided to the resident, also provide notice of the breach of  
112 security to the Attorney General.

113 (e) If the breach of security includes a social security number, the person shall offer to each resident, whose  
114 personal information, including social security number, was breached or is reasonably believed to have been breached,  
115 reasonable identity theft prevention services and, if applicable, identity theft mitigation services at no cost to such resident  
116 for a period of 1 year. Such person shall provide all information necessary for such resident to enroll in such services and  
117 shall include information on how such resident can place a credit freeze on such resident's credit file. Such services are not  
118 required if, after an appropriate investigation, the person reasonably determines that the breach of security is unlikely to  
119 result in harm to the individuals whose personal information has been breached.

120 (f) In the case of a breach of security involving personal information defined in § 12B-101(4)a.6. of this chapter  
121 for login credentials of an email account furnished by the person, the person cannot comply with this section by providing  
122 the security breach notification to such email address, but may instead comply with this section by providing notice by  
123 another method described in § 12B-101(3) or by clear and conspicuous notice delivered to the resident online when the  
124 resident is connected to the online account from an Internet Protocol address or online location from which the person  
125 knows the resident customarily accesses the account.

126 § 12B-103. Procedures deemed in compliance with security breach notice requirements.

127 (a) Under this chapter, ~~an individual or a commercial entity~~ a person that maintains its own notice procedures as  
128 part of an information security policy for the treatment of personal information, and whose procedures are otherwise  
129 consistent with the timing requirements of this chapter is deemed to be in compliance with the notice requirements of this  
130 chapter if the ~~individual or the commercial entity~~ person notifies affected Delaware residents in accordance with its policies  
131 in the event of a breach of ~~security of the system, security.~~

132 (b) Under this chapter, ~~an individual or a commercial entity~~ a person that is regulated by state or federal ~~law~~ law,  
133 including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191, as amended) and the Gramm  
134 Leach Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. § 6801 et seq., as amended) and that maintains procedures for a breach of the security of the  
135 system pursuant to the laws, rules, regulations, ~~guidances,~~ guidance, or guidelines established by its primary or functional  
136 state or federal regulator is deemed to be in compliance with this chapter if the ~~individual or the commercial entity~~ person  
137 notifies affected Delaware residents in accordance with the maintained procedures when a breach of security occurs.

138 § 12B-104. Violations.

139 (a) Pursuant to the enforcement duties and powers of the Director of Consumer Protection ~~Division~~ of the  
140 Department of Justice under Chapter 25 of Title 29, the Attorney General may bring an action in law or equity to address  
141 the violations of this chapter and for other relief that may be appropriate to ensure proper compliance with this chapter or to  
142 recover direct economic damages resulting from a violation, or both. The provisions of this chapter are not exclusive and do  
143 not relieve ~~an individual or a commercial entity~~ a person subject to this chapter from compliance with all other applicable  
144 provisions of law.

145 (b) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to modify any right which a person may have at common law, by  
146 statute, or otherwise.

147 Section 2. This Act shall become effective 120 days after its enactment into law.

### SYNOPSIS

This Act revises HB 180 to reflect input from a wide group of stakeholders. This Substitute Act differs from HB 180 as follows:

Terminology has been revised to be more accurate and consistent.

A definition of "person" is added and includes government, consistent with current law.

A definition of "determination of breach of security" is added.

Marriage certificates, full birth dates and birth certificates, shared secrets and security tokens, and digital or electronic signatures are removed from the definition of "personal information."

An application for health insurance is removed from the definition of personal information because all of the information in an application that is of concern is separately listed in the definition of personal information.

Removes the requirement that the Department of Justice develop regulations and a model form of notice.

Clarifies how to provide notice if a breach involves login credentials of an email account that is the basis of the breach.

Clarifies that notice of a breach can be provided after 60 days from discovery when it is determined at a later time that the breach includes additional residents.

Provides examples of federal laws that can be complied with to constitute compliance with this chapter.

Removes the private right of action for the failure of a person to provide notice under this chapter. The Common Law cause of action for actual damages as a result of a breach is unaffected by this change.