A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IDENTITY THEFT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 481B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and 3 to read as follows: . CONFIDENTIALITY OF WIRELESS SERVICE RECORDS 4 "PART 5 **Definitions.** For purposes of this part: "Personal information" means information associated with a 6 wireless customer that is a name, an address, a telephone 7 number, an electronic mail address, a driver's license number, a 8 9 social security number, an employer, a place of employment, information related to employment, an employee identification 10 number, a mother's maiden name, an identifying number of a 11 wireless service account, any record of calls made or received 12 13 via the wireless service connection, a password used for accessing information, or any other name, number, or code that 14 is used, alone or in conjunction with other information, to 15 16 confirm the identity of the wireless customer. "Reseller" means a person or entity that purchases 17 commercial mobile radio service from a wireless provider for the 18
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- 1 purpose of reselling commercial mobile radio service to end-
- 2 users.
- 3 "Wireless customer" means a commercial mobile radio service
- 4 customer.
- 5 "Wireless provider" means a person or entity that is
- 6 authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide
- 7 facilities-based commercial mobile radio service within the
- 8 State.
- 9 "Wireless service" means commercial mobile radio service
- 10 under sections 3(27) and 332(d) of the Federal
- 11 Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. 151 et seq., and the
- 12 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, P.L. 103-66, August
- 13 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 312.
- 14 "Wireless service connection" means each active wireless
- 15 telephone number assigned to a commercial mobile radio service
- 16 customer, including end-users of resellers whose place of
- 17 primary use is within the State.
- 18 \$481B- Personal information of wireless account holder
- 19 confidential. All information generated, received, or kept by a
- 20 wireless provider or reseller pertaining to any wireless service
- 21 connection that contains any personal information of the
- 22 wireless customer shall be confidential.

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1 Pretexting prohibited. No person shall represent \$481B-2 themselves to be a wireless customer for the purpose of 3 obtaining personal information of that customer from a wireless 4 service provider if the person is not that customer or not 5 legally authorized to obtain the information on behalf of that 6 customer. 7 Sale and purchase of wireless account information 8 prohibited. (a) No wireless provider, or officer, employee, or 9 contractor thereof, shall offer to sell or give away, and no 10 person or entity shall purchase or accept, any personal 11 information of a wireless customer without the express written 12 consent of that customer. 13 (b) This section shall not prohibit a wireless provider 14 from making personal information available, without the 15 permission of the wireless customer, to a third party pursuant 16 to a contract, if the contract contains language requiring the 17 third party to bind through contract each of its subcontractors 18 by including language prohibiting the divulging of any personal 19 information for any purpose by the subcontractors, except to 20 fulfill and service orders pursuant to the contract between the 21 wireless provider and the authorized third party.

H.B. NO. 284/

- 1 (c) This section shall not prohibit the transmittal of any
- 2 personal information to or from a "consumer reporting agency",
- 3 as that term is defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act, or a
- 4 "debt collector", as that term is defined in the Fair Debt
- 5 Collection Practices Act, Public Law No. 95-109.
- 6 (d) This section shall not prohibit a wireless provider
- 7 from sharing personal information of a wireless customer with a
- 8 subsidiary or the parent corporation of the wireless provider or
- 9 to another subsidiary of the common parent corporation.
- 10 \$481B- Remedies. (a) Violation of this section is a
- 11 misdemeanor.
- 12 (b) The attorney general may prosecute a violation of this
- 13 part or bring an injunctive action to enforce it, or both.
- 14 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a wireless
- 15 customer from bringing an action for damages or injunctive
- 16 relief for a violation of this part."
- 17 SECTION 2. If any provision of this Act, or the
- 18 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
- 19 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
- 20 applications of the Act, which can be given effect without the
- 21 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
- 22 of this Act are severable.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Identity Theft; Cellular Phones

Description:

Prohibits posing as the holder of a cellular phone service account to obtain calling records. Prohibits sale or purchase of such records.