

Social Security

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Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed House, Date.....
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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the confidential nature of certain records pertaining to recipients under the old age assistance law; providing for issuance of a report showing disbursements to recipients with public access thereto; prohibiting certain uses of this information and providing penalty for violation; and to repeal section two hundred forty-nine point forty-four (249.44), Code 1950.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section two hundred forty-nine point
2 forty-four (249.44), Code 1950, is hereby repealed and the
3 following enacted in lieu thereof:

4 "All applications, investigation reports and case records
5 shall be privileged communications and held confidential,
6 subject to use and inspection only by persons authorized by
7 law in connection with their official duties relating to
8 financial audits and the administration of the provisions
9 of this chapter.

10 "Provided, however, that the county board of social welfare
11 shall prepare and submit to the auditor of its respective county
12 on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of each January, April,

13 July and October a report showing the names and addresses of
14 all recipients receiving assistance under this chapter, together
15 with the amount paid to each during the preceding quarter. Each
16 report so filed with the county auditor shall be securely fixed
17 in a record book to be used only for such reports made under
18 this chapter and chapters two hundred thirty-nine (239) and two
19 hundred forty-one (241). The record book and all reports
20 contained therein shall be and the same are hereby declared to
21 be public records, open to public inspection at all times
22 during the regular office hours of the respective county
23 auditors. Each person who desires to examine said reports,
24 other than in pursuance of official duties as hereinbefore
25 provided, shall sign a written request to examine the same,
26 which shall contain an agreement on the part of the signer
27 that he will not utilize any information gained therefrom for
28 commercial or political purposes.

29 "It shall be unlawful for any person, body, association,
30 firm, corporation or any other agency to solicit, disclose,
31 receive, make use of or to authorize, knowingly permit,
32 participate in or acquiesce in the use of any lists, names
33 or other information obtained from the reports above provided
34 for, for commercial or political purposes, and a violation of
35 this provision shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by
36 a fine of not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or
37 by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one (1)
38 year or by both such fine and imprisonment."