



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TASK FORCE TO STUDY IDENTITY THEFT

May 23, 2007

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr , Co-Chairman
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman
The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This correspondence is to inform you of the agenda for the Task Force to Study Identity Theft for the 2007 interim. Upon completion of the proposed agenda, the task force intends to issue a final report and recommendations to the General Assembly. The enabling legislation for the task force, Chapters 9 and 10 of 2007, requires that the final report be completed by December 31, 2007. The task force is then terminated as of January 31, 2008.


Since laws requiring notification of the unauthorized disclosure of personal information (Chapters 531 and 532 of 2007) establishing a security freeze of credit information (Chapters 307 and 308 of 2007) and establishing the crime of pretexting (Chapter 447) were enacted, the task force will shift its attention to other areas. The task force intends to begin with a public hearing to solicit testimony from consumers and business victims of identity theft to determine the types of problems people and businesses are experiencing and how they are resolved. The next hearing will focus on State agencies and how they safeguard Social Security numbers and other personal information. The task force will then hear from State, federal, and local law enforcement agencies about the enforcement of identity theft laws. The next hearing will focus on local governments and how they maintain custody of personal information. During the interim, we will also solicit information from the Federal Trade Commission, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of Counties, and other groups to learn of practices in other areas of the country.

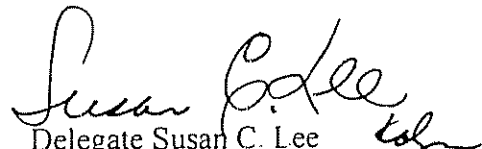
Attachment A is the proposed agenda. Meetings are scheduled for 1:00 pm on the off-cycle dates issued by the Legislative Policy Committee

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We hope you find our proposed agenda informative and useful. We appreciate your interest and continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


Senator Delores G. Kelley
Senate Chairman


Delegate Susan C. Lee
House Chairman

Enclosure

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cc: Members, Task Force to Study Identity Theft
Mr. Karl S. Aro
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2007 Interim Schedule
Task Force to Study Identity Theft

August 22

Public Hearing
Consumer and Business Victims of Identity Theft
Federal Trade Commission

September 18

State Custody of Social Security Numbers and Other Personal Information
Selected State Agencies
National Conference of State Legislatures

October 2

Law Enforcement: Effectiveness of Apprehension and Prosecution of ID Criminals

State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies
Federal Bureau of Investigation

November 13

Local Governments: Custody of Personal Information

Selected Local Governments and Local Government Associations
National Association of Counties
National League of Cities

Work Session: Consideration of Task Force Recommendations

November 27

Review of Final Draft Report
Voting Session