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S.B. 657: FLOOR ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 657 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown

Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Consumer Protection Act to make it unlawful to require a consumer to disclose his or her Social Security number as a condition of sale, unless the transaction involved an extension of credit or related to the administration of an employerprovided health-related benefit, or disclosure was required or authorized by law. The bill would take effect on March 31, 2004.

The Act provides that unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce are unlawful, and includes a list of such practices. The bill would include in that list requiring a consumer to disclose his or her Social Security number as a condition to selling goods or providing a service to the consumer, unless the transaction included an extension of credit to the consumer or disclosure was required or authorized by applicable State or Federal statute, rule, or regulation.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The enforcement costs and fine revenue would depend on the number of violations.

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