

P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 99, *approved June 15, 2005*

Assembly, No. 2047

1 **AN ACT** concerning certain documents intended for filing with county  
2 recording authorities and supplementing Title 47 of the Revised  
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. No person, including any public or private entity, shall print  
9 or display in any manner an individual's Social Security number on any  
10 document intended for public recording with any county recording  
11 authority.

12 b. Whenever a document is presented for public recording with any  
13 county recording authority and that document displays a person's  
14 Social Security number, the recording authority shall delete, strike,  
15 obliterate or otherwise expunge that number prior to recording the  
16 document.

17 The fact that such a document is recorded without deleting,  
18 striking, obliterating or otherwise expunging that Social Security  
19 number shall not render the document invalid, void, voidable or in any  
20 way defective.

21 c. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to a  
22 document originating with any court or taxing authority, any document  
23 that when filed by law constitutes a non-consensual lien against an  
24 individual, any publicly recorded document that is required by law to  
25 contain a Social Security number, or any document filed with or  
26 recorded by a County Surrogate.

27 d. The county recording authority shall not be liable for any claims  
28 arising from a violation of this act.

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30 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
31 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill prohibits any person, including any public or private entity,  
37 from printing or displaying in any manner an individual's Social  
38 Security number on any document intended for public recording with  
39 any county recording authority.

40 It further provides that, in the case of certain documents, the county  
41 recording authority is authorized to delete, strike, obliterate or  
42 otherwise expunge a Social Security number that appears on the  
43 document without invalidating it.

44 As specified in the bill, the fact that such a document is recorded  
45 without deleting, striking, obliterating or otherwise expunging that

1 Social Security number shall not render the document invalid, void,  
2 voidable or in any way defective.

3 Court documents, tax documents, documents that constitute non-  
4 consensual liens against an individual, documents required to contain  
5 a Social Security number by law, and documents filed with the County  
6 Surrogate are exempt and county recording authorities, therefore, may  
7 not make any changes on them.

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12 Requires removal of social security numbers from certain documents  
13 filed with county.