

**ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 66**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**By Assemblyman LANCE**

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Department of Transportation to  
2 establish safeguards for protecting the privacy of personal information in the  
3 files of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the Department of  
6 Transportation is considering the sale of certain personal information in its  
7 driver's license and motor vehicle registration files to direct mail marketers  
8 and other commercial interests; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The inclusion of a new revenue item of \$11 million in the  
10 Governor's FY 1997 recommended budget for the sale of the DMV data  
11 base indicates that DMV has been given a "green light" to proceed with the  
12 sale of this information; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Individuals who provide their names, addresses, dates of birth,  
14 social security numbers and other personal information to a governmental  
15 agency have every right to expect that this information will be used by the  
16 agency solely for official purposes unless they specifically authorize some  
17 other use of their personal information; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The sale of personal information to direct mail and telephone  
19 marketers can only serve to increase the existing torrent of unsolicited "junk  
20 mail" and telephone marketing calls that many persons find excessive and  
21 repugnant; now, therefore,

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23 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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25 1. The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey calls upon the  
26 Commissioner of Transportation to direct DMV to protect the privacy of the  
27 State's motorists by establishing a procedure to provide for affirmative  
28 authorization by an individual before any personal information in his driver's  
29 license or vehicle registration file is sold or otherwise released to a third party.  
30 An exception may be made for information provided to governmental  
31 agencies for use in fulfilling legitimate governmental and law enforcement  
32 purposes and for information on vehicular accidents, driving violations and  
33 driver status.

