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AN ACT concerning consumer protection.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2QQ as follows:

- 6 (815 ILCS 505/2QQ new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 2QQ. Insurance cards; social security number.</u>

(a) As used in this Section, "insurance card" means a card 8 that a person or entity provides to an individual so that the 9 individual may present the card to establish the eligibility of 10 the individual or his or her dependents to receive health, 11 dental, optical, or accident insurance benefits, prescription 12 drug benefits, or benefits under a managed care plan or a plan 13 provided by a health maintenance organization, a health 14 15 services plan corporation, or a similar entity.

16 <u>(b) A person or entity may not print an individual's social</u> 17 <u>security number on an insurance card. A person or entity that</u> 18 <u>provides an insurance card must print on the card an</u> 19 <u>identification number unique to the holder of the card in the</u> 20 <u>format prescribed by Section 15 of the Uniform Prescription</u> 21 <u>Drug Information Card Act.</u>

(c) An insurance card issued to an individual before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly that does not comply with subsection (b) must be replaced by January 1, 2006 with an insurance card that complies with subsection (b) if the individual's eliqibility for benefits continues after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

29 (d) A violation of this Section constitutes an unlawful
 30 practice within the meaning of this Act.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January32 1, 2005.