

Introduced by Senator Torlakson

February 23, 2001

An act to add Section 314 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to consumer protection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1050, as introduced, Torlakson. Consumer protection.

Existing law, the Consumer Affairs Act, authorizes the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to perform various functions that promote and protect the interests of consumers.

This bill would require the department by March 31, 2002, to recommend to the Legislature a system to encourage or require retail businesses to check the identity of each person using a check or credit card to make a purchase, by requiring the person to produce identification that includes his or her photograph.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 314 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 314. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that in order to
4 reduce the incidence of identity theft, each retail sales business in
5 California shall check the identity of each person making a
6 purchase by check or credit card by requiring the person to produce
7 identification that includes his or her photograph.
8 (b) By March 31, 2002, the department shall recommend to the
9 Legislature a system to encourage or require retail businesses to

- 1 check the identity of each person making a purchase by check or
- 2 credit card by requiring production of identification that includes
- 3 his or her photograph.

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