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House Bill 4517 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Barb Byrum  
House Committee: Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs  
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 20 of 1867 (which governs the recording of deeds, mortgages, and instruments of record) to prohibit a register of deeds from receiving an instrument or reproduction of an instrument for recording unless the first five digits of any Social Security number appearing in or on the instrument or reproduction were obscured or removed. The prohibition would apply beginning on the bill's effective date, or, for an instrument or reproduction presented to a register of deeds by the Department of Treasury, April 1, 2008.

The prohibition would not apply if State or Federal law, rule, regulation, or court order or rule required all or more than four sequential digits of the number to appear.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local revenue. The bill could increase expenditures for the State and some local units by an unknown amount, depending on the costs of adapting systems to the changes, the number of affidavits from which identifying information must be obscured or removed, as well as the number of local units that already have opted to obscure or remove the specified information.

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