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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill amends provisions of an Internet consumer privacy bill that was passed in 2002. The 2002 legislation takes effect March 1, 2003

#### Section

- 1 **Personally identifiable information.** Amends the Internet consumer privacy law definition of "personally identifiable information." States that the term does not include information in summary form from which the identity of an individual cannot be determined.
- 2 **When disclosure of personal information required.** Current law requires an Internet service provider (ISP) to give a consumer information about himself or herself. The bill provides for "reasonable authentication of the consumer's identity" when responding to such a request.  
  
Provides for releasing information about a consumer as specifically required by federal or state law.  
  
States that an ISP need not create or retrieve information in a format in which it is not already maintained at the time of the request for disclosure.
- 3 **Application.** Specifies that the ISP consumer privacy law does not apply to activities by an ISP other than providing Internet access. If those other activities are subject to a law inconsistent with the ISP consumer privacy law, the other law controls.
- 4 **Effective date.** Sections 1 to 3 are effective March 1, 2003.