

**CHAPTER 211—S.F.No. 1578**

*An act relating to consumer protection; regulating security freezes on consumer reports; providing for payment of fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13C.016, subdivision 8.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13C.016, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Fees.** (a) A consumer reporting agency may charge a fee of \$5 for placing, temporarily lifting, or removing a security freeze unless:

(1) the consumer is a victim of identity theft as defined in subdivision 1, paragraph (c); and

(2) the consumer provides the consumer reporting agency with a valid copy of a police report or a police case number documenting the identity theft.

(b) In addition to the charge, if any, permitted under paragraph (a), a consumer may be charged no more than \$5 if the consumer fails to retain the original personal identification number given to the consumer by the agency, but the consumer may not be charged for a onetime reissue of the same or a new personal identification number. The consumer may be charged no more than \$5 for subsequent instances of loss of the personal identification number.

(c) A consumer who makes a written request by mail may pay any fee charged pursuant to this subdivision by check, money order, or credit card. A consumer who makes a request by telephone or other electronic media may pay any fee charged pursuant to this subdivision by credit card.

Presented to the governor April 17, 2008

Signed by the governor April 21, 2008, 11:45 a.m.