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Crespo Advocates for Consumer Rights; Governor Signs Crespo-Sponsored Bill to Protect Patient Information

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL – State Rep. Fred Crespo (D-Hoffman Estates) continued his commitment to protecting consumer rights when the bill he sponsored to prohibit hospitals from using patients’ Social Security numbers was signed into law by Governor Pat Quinn.

“Safeguarding patients’ private information is common-sense consumer protection,” Crespo said. “This legislation shields patients from possible identity theft and fraudulent business practices.”

Crespo co-sponsored SB 1282, which bars hospitals from using a patient’s Social Security number for identification. Hospitals can create a unique patient identifier based off of the last four digits of a patient’s Social Security number.

Crespo also recently hosted the Attorney General’s Mobile Service Office at the Streamwood Summer Celebration in July, which provided area residents with an opportunity to address consumer concerns and learn ways to protect themselves from the most recent scams.

“I will continue protecting the rights and confidential information of consumers and bringing consumer protection programs to our community,” Crespo said. “We can protect ourselves from scams by keeping confidential information private and being aware of the resources available from the Attorney General.”

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