

Sponsor Statement for HB 268
Limits on Right to Privacy

An Act relating to the constitutional right to privacy.

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Article 1, Section 22 of the Alaska Constitution states “The right of privacy is recognized and shall not be infringed. The Legislature shall implement this section.” Court rulings have successively granted privacy rights to individuals that I am confident the voters never intended when, in 1972, they amended the constitution to include the right to privacy. HB 268 implements section 22 by statutorily defining that privacy does not include the right to receive public money, a public benefit, or a public service.