pose not permitted under this chapter shall be liable to the individual to whom the information pertains, who may bring a civil action in a United States district court.

(b) REMEDIES.—The court may award—

(1) actual damages, but not less than liq-

uidated damages in the amount of \$2,500; (2) punitive damages upon proof of willful or

reckless disregard of the law; (3) reasonable attorneys' fees and other liti-

gation costs reasonably incurred; and (4) such other preliminary and equitable re-

lief as the court determines to be appropriate.

(Added Pub. L. 103-322, title XXX, §300002(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2101.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on the date that is 3 years after Sept. 13, 1994, with provisions relating to release of personal information before the effective date and compliance after such date, see section 300003 of Pub. L. 103-322, set out as a note under section 2721 of this title.

§2725. Definitions

In this chapter-

(1) "motor vehicle record" means any record that pertains to a motor vehicle operator's permit, motor vehicle title, motor vehicle registration, or identification card issued by a department of motor vehicles;

(2) "person" means an individual, organization or entity, but does not include a State or agency thereof;

(3) "personal information" means information that identifies an individual, including an individual's photograph, social security number, driver identification number, name, address (but not the 5-digit zip code), telephone number, and medical or disability information, but does not include information on vehicular accidents, driving violations, and driver's status.¹

(4) "highly restricted personal information" means an individual's photograph or image, social security number, medical or disability information: and

(5) "express consent" means consent in writing, including consent conveyed electronically that bears an electronic signature as defined in section 106(5) of Public Law 106-229.

(Added Pub. L. 103-322, title XXX, §300002(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2102; amended Pub. L. 106-346, §101(a) [title III, §309(b)], Oct. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 1356, 1356A-24.)

References in Text

Section 106(5) of Public Law 106-229, referred to in par. (5), is classified to section 7006(5) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

AMENDMENTS

2000-Pars. (4), (5). Pub. L. 106-346 added pars. (4) and (5).

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Amendments

2016-Pub. L. 114-316, §2(b)(1), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1593, struck out "trafficking in persons" before "offenses" in item for chapter 212A.

Pub. L. 114-236, §2(b), Oct. 7, 2016, 130 Stat. 967, added item for chapter 238.

2006-Pub. L. 109-164, title I, §103(a)(2), Jan. 10, 2006,

119 Stat. 3563, added item for chapter 212A. 2004—Pub. L. 108-405, title I, §102(b), title IV, §411(a)(2), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2264, 2284, added items for chapters 228A and 237.

2000-Pub. L. 106-523, §2(b), Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2492, added item for chapter 212.

1994-Pub. L. 103-359, title VIII, §803(c)(1), Oct. 14, 1994, 108 Stat. 3439, substituted "terrorist acts and espionage" for "terrorists acts" in item for chapter 204.

Pub. L. 103-322, title VI, §60002(b), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1968, added item for chapter 228.

1988—Pub. L. 100-702, title IV, §404(a)(1), Nov. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 4651, struck out item 237 "Rules of criminal procedure"

1986—Pub. L. 99–646, §41(d), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3600, struck out item for chapter 232 "Special forfeiture of collateral profits of crime" and added item for chapter 232A.

Pub. L. 99-508, title III, §301(b), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1872, added item for chapter 206.

1984—Pub. L. 98-533, title I, §101(b), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2708, added item for chapter 204.

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¹So in original. First word only of item should be capitalized. $^2\,\mathrm{So}$ in original. Does not conform to chapter heading and first word only of item should be capitalized.