



## **Preventing Identity Theft - New Law Effective 1/1/08**

Effective January 1, 2008, a new law (AB 1168) bars California county recorders from requiring full social security numbers on public record documents. The law also requires the Secretary of State to create a "public filing" of all documents filed before August 1, 2007 that contain a complete social security number. A "public filing" is a copy of the "official filing" except that any social security number contained in the "official filing" is truncated to delete the first 5 digits of the social security number. The California Secretary of State has already eliminated the requirement to include the debtor's social security number on UCC-1 financing statements, but some national UCC-1 forms still include a section for the insertion of a SSN. To view an expanded summary of AB 1168, courtesy of the California Bankers Association, please [click here](#).

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