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## **Title 20 : Internal Security and Public Safety**

### **Chapter 207 : Protection of Personally Identifying Information**

(Cite as: **20 V.S.A. § 4651**)

#### **§ 4651. Prohibited disclosure of personally identifying information**

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Personally identifying information” means information concerning a person’s sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, or disability.

(2) “Public agency” has the same meaning as in 1 V.S.A. § 317 and shall include all officers, employees, agents, and independent contractors of the public agency.

(b) A public agency shall not:

(1) collect information regarding the religious beliefs, practices, or affiliation of any individual for the purpose of registration of an individual based on his or her religious beliefs, practices, or affiliations;

(2) knowingly disclose personally identifying information to any federal agency or official for the purpose of registration of an individual based on his or her personally identifying information; or

(3) use public agency money, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel to assist in creating or enforcing any federal government program for the registration of an individual based on his or her personally identifying information.

(c) Any section, term, or provision of an agreement in existence on the effective date of this section (March 28, 2017) that conflicts with subsection (b) of this section shall be invalidated on that date to the extent of the conflict.

(d) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit or impede any public agency from complying with the lawful requirements of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644. To the extent any State or local law enforcement policy or practice conflicts with the lawful requirements of

8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644, said policy or practice is, to the extent of such conflict, abolished.

(e) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit or impede any public agency from disclosing or exchanging aggregated information that cannot be used to identify an individual with any other public agency or federal agency or official. (Added 2017, No. 5, § 2, eff. March 28, 2017.)