Wyo. Stat. § 40-12-502

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§ 40-12-502. Computer security breach; notice to affected persons.

- (a) An individual or commercial entity that conducts business in Wyoming and that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal identifying information about a resident of Wyoming shall, when it becomes aware of a breach of the security of the system, conduct in good faith a reasonable and prompt investigation to determine the likelihood that personal identifying information has been or will be misused. If the investigation determines that the misuse of personal identifying information about a Wyoming resident has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur, the individual or the commercial entity shall give notice as soon as possible to the affected Wyoming resident. Notice shall be made in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay, consistent with the legitimate needs of law enforcement and consistent with any measures necessary to determine the scope of the breach and to restore the reasonable integrity of the computerized data system.
- **(b)** The notification required by this section may be delayed if a law enforcement agency determines in writing that the notification may seriously impede a criminal investigation.
- (c) Any financial institution as defined in 15 U.S.C. 6809 or federal credit union as defined by 12 U.S.C. 1752 that maintains notification procedures subject to the requirements of 15 U.S.C. 6801(b)(3) and 12 C.F.R. Part 364 Appendix B or Part 748 Appendix B, is deemed to be in compliance with this section if the financial institution notifies affected Wyoming customers in compliance with the requirements of 15 U.S.C. 6801 through 6809 and 12 C.F.R. Part 364 Appendix B or Part 748 Appendix B.
- (d) For purposes of this section, notice to consumers may be provided by one (1) of the following methods:
 - (i) Written notice;
 - (ii) Electronic mail notice;
 - (iii) Substitute notice, if the person demonstrates:
 - (A) That the cost of providing notice would exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for Wyoming-based persons or businesses, and two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for all other businesses operating but not based in Wyoming;

- **(B)** That the affected class of subject persons to be notified exceeds ten thousand (10,000) for Wyoming-based persons or businesses and five hundred thousand (500,000) for all other businesses operating but not based in Wyoming; or
- **(C)** The person does not have sufficient contact information.
- (iv) Substitute notice shall consist of all of the following:
 - (A) Conspicuous posting of the notice on the Internet, the World Wide Web or a similar proprietary or common carrier electronic system site of the person collecting the data, if the person maintains a public Internet, the World Wide Web or a similar proprietary or common carrier electronic system site; and
 - **(B)** Notification to major statewide media. The notice to media shall include a toll-free phone number where an individual can learn whether or not that individual's personal data is included in the security breach.
- (e) Notice required under subsection (a) of this section shall be clear and conspicuous and shall include, at a minimum:
 - (i) A toll-free number:
 - (A) That the individual may use to contact the person collecting the data, or his agent; and
 - **(B)** From which the individual may learn the toll-free contact telephone numbers and addresses for the major credit reporting agencies.
 - (ii) The types of personal identifying information that were or are reasonably believed to have been the subject of the breach;
 - (iii) A general description of the breach incident;
 - (iv) The approximate date of the breach of security, if that information is reasonably possible to determine at the time notice is provided;
 - (v) In general terms, the actions taken by the individual or commercial entity to protect the system containing the personal identifying information from further breaches;
 - (vi) Advice that directs the person to remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports;
 - (vii) Whether notification was delayed as a result of a law enforcement investigation, if that information is reasonably possible to determine at the time the notice is provided.
- (f) The attorney general may bring an action in law or equity to address any violation of this section and for other relief that may be appropriate to ensure proper compliance with this section, to recover damages, or both. The provisions of this section are not exclusive and do not relieve an individual or a commercial entity subject to this section from compliance with all other applicable provisions of law.
- (g) Any person who maintains computerized data that includes personal identifying information on behalf of another business entity shall disclose to the business entity for which the information is maintained any breach of the security of the system as soon as practicable following the determination that personal identifying information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. The person who maintains the data on behalf of another

business entity and the business entity on whose behalf the data is maintained may agree which person or entity will provide any required notice as provided in subsection (a) of this section, provided only a single notice for each breach of the security of the system shall be required. If agreement regarding notification cannot be reached, the person who has the direct business relationship with the resident of this state shall provide notice subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

(h) A covered entity or business associate that is subject to and complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and the regulations promulgated under that act, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, is deemed to be in compliance with this section if the covered entity or business associate notifies affected Wyoming customers or entities in compliance with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164.

History

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