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### Overview

A “security freeze” is a notice placed on a consumer report that stops information about the consumer from being released by a credit reporting agency (“CRA”) in connection with a new account opening or extension of credit. This bill allows a person under 16 to have a security freeze placed on their account if certain requirements are met.

#### Section

##### **1 [13C.020] Protected persons security freeze.**

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Provides definitions for this section, including “protected person” meaning an individual under the age of 16 and “representative” meaning a person who has authority to act on the protected person’s behalf.

**Subd. 2. Security freeze for protected person.** Requires a CRA to place a security freeze for a protected person if they received certain documentation and fees.

**Subd. 3. Timing.** Requires a CRA to place the security freeze for a protected person within 30 days of receiving a request.

**Subd. 4. Release of consumer report prohibited.** Prohibits a CRA from releasing the protected person’s consumer report, or any other information, unless the security freeze is removed.

**Subd. 5. Period of security freeze for a protected person.** Requires a security freeze for a protected person to remain in place until it is requested that it be removed or there was a material misrepresentation in placing the freeze.

**Section**

**Subd. 6. Removal of security freeze for a protected person.** Allows a protected person to remove a security freeze if certain documentation and fees are provided.

**Subd. 7. Removal of security freeze; timing.** Requires a CRA to remove a security freeze for a protected person within 30 days of receiving a request.

**Subd. 8. Fees.** Allows a CRA to charge a reasonable fee of not over \$10 to place or remove a security freeze for a protected person under certain circumstances.

**Subd. 9. Effect of material misrepresentation of fact.** Allows a CRA to remove a security freeze or delete the record of a protected person if there was a material misrepresentation of fact.

**Subd. 10. Remedy for violation of this section.** Limits a CRA's liability under this section to actual damages as a result of the violation.

**Subd. 11. Exceptions.** Provides exceptions to the application of this section.

Effective Date. This section is effective January 1, 2019.