

Proposal for the 2015 FSA Legislative Summit

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Issue: Currently, criminals obtain multiple cellular phones by providing fictitious names with the intent of using the cellular phone to engage in criminal activity. Proposed legislation: Any person who purchases a cellular telephone through a retail store, business, or via the Internet in the state of Florida shall be required to provide a valid form of identification. Retailers, businesses and carriers who sell cellular phones shall make every reasonable effort to obtain valid identification from a person who purchases a cellular phone or communication device. An employee who knowingly and willfully allows a customer to provide false information commits a misdemeanor of the 1st degree.

Statewide Impact: Would assist law enforcement conducting investigations.

Funding Implications: None. There may be additional costs to retailers and others who sell cellular phones to comply with the legislation.

Law Enforcement Impact: Would provide an additional tool for law enforcement to investigate criminal cases where cell phones are used.

Opposition: Cellular telephone companies, retailers

Do you have draft legislation: See above for initial draft language.