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By the NewsMax.com Staff
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Implanted Chips in Our Troops?

A Florida company wants to get under the skin of 1.4 million U.S. servicemen and women.

VeriChip Corp, based in Delray Beach, Fla., and described by the D.C. Examiner as "one of the most aggressive marketers of radio frequency identification chips," is hoping to convince the Pentagon to allow them to insert the chips, known as RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) chips under the skin of the right arms of U.S. servicemen and servicewomen to enable them to scan an arm and obtain that person's identity and medical history. The chips would replace the legendary metal dog tags that have been worn by U.S. military personnel since 1906.

The device is usually implanted above the

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Chief Of Police Who Received Verichip Advocates Forced Government Chipping To Buy And Sell

The Bergen County, New Jersey Chief of Police Jack Schmidig barked, "do I trust the government? I am the government!" as he advocated mandatory government implant chipping by law to buy and sell. Schmidig made nationwide headlines when he personally got chipped last month.

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US group implants electronic tags in workers

By Richard Waters in San Francisco
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An Ohio company has embedded silicon chips in two of its employees - the first known case in which US workers have been "tagged" electronically as a way of identifying them.

CityWatcher.com, a private video surveillance company, said it was testing the technology as a way of controlling access to a room where it holds security video footage for government agencies and the police.

Embedding slivers of silicon in workers is likely to add to the controversy over RFID technology, widely seen as one of the next big growth industries.

RFID chips – inexpensive radio transmitters that give off a unique identifying signal – have been implanted in pets or attached to goods so they can be tracked in transit.

"There are very serious privacy and civil liberty issues of having people permanently numbered," said Liz McIntyre, who campaigns against the use of identification technology.

But Sean Darks, chief executive of CityWatcher, said the glass-encased chips were like identity cards. They are planted in the upper right arm of the recipient, and "read" by a device similar to a cardreader.

"There's nothing pulsing or sending out a signal," said Mr Darks, who has had a chip in his own arm. "It's not a GPS chip. My wife can't tell where I am."

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Wisconsin Governor Signs 'Chip Implant' Bill

A state statute now prohibits the required implanting of a microchip in an individual.

By Beth Bacheldor

June 2, 2006—It's official: In Wisconsin, it is illegal for anyone—including employers or government agencies—to implant **RFID** microchips into people without their consent. Anyone who does will face fines of up to \$10,000. The state became the first to institute such legislation when Gov. Jim Doyle (D) signed it into law on May 31.

State Rep. Marlin Schneider (D) introduced the legislation, [Assembly Bill 290](#), on April 4, 2005, primarily to protect individual rights so companies couldn't use the technology to track employees' every move (see [Wisconsin Bill to Ban Coerced Chip Implants](#)). "That is very intrusive, even more so than anything [George] Orwell ever dreamed of," Schneider said in early May, shortly after an amended version of the legislation cleared the [Wisconsin Assembly](#).

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Paying for drinks with wave of the hand Club-goers in Spain get implanted chips for ID, payment purposes

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Being recognized has never been easier for VIP patrons of the Baja Beach Club in Barcelona, Spain.

Like a scene out of a science-fiction movie, all it takes is a syringe-injected microchip implant for the beautiful men and women of the nightclub scene to breeze past a "reader" that recognizes their identity, credit balance and even automatically opens doors to exclusive areas of the club for them.

They can buy drinks and food with a wave of their hand and don't need to worry about losing a credit card or wallet.

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