

## Calendar No. 79

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 218****[Report No. 115-62]**

To restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. GARDNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

MAY 15, 2017

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with amendments

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Fraud  
5 Prevention Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION OF SSNS ON DOCUMENTS SENT BY**  
2 **MAIL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No department or agency of the  
4 Federal Government may include the social security ac-  
5 count number of any individual on any document sent by  
6 mail unless the head of such department or agency deter-  
7 mines that the inclusion of such social security number  
8 on such document is necessary.

9 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each depart-  
11 ment and agency of the Federal Government shall issue  
12 regulations specifying the circumstances under which in-  
13 clusion of a social security account number on a document  
14 sent by mail is necessary. Such regulations shall include—

15 (1) instructions for the partial redaction of so-  
16 cial security account numbers whenever feasible; ~~and~~

17 (2) a requirement that social security account  
18 numbers not be visible on the outside of any package  
19 sent by mail; *and*

20 (3) *additional methods to mitigate the risk of the*  
21 *improper use of social security account numbers when*  
22 *the use of such numbers is necessary.*

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall apply with re-  
24 spect to documents sent by mail on or after the date that  
25 is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.



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