

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 978

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to preclude use of the social security account number on Government-issued identification cards issued in connection with Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP benefits, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Seniors’ Identity Pro-  
5 tection Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY**  
2 **ACCOUNT NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT-ISSUED**  
3 **IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED IN CONNEC-**  
4 **TION WITH MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND SCHIP**  
5 **BENEFITS.**

6 (a) PROVISIONS RELATED TO MEDICARE.—Section  
7 205(e)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 405(e)(2)(C)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing new clause:

10 “(x) In the administration of title XVIII, the Sec-  
11 retary may not display an individual’s social security ac-  
12 count number (or any derivative of such number) on any  
13 personal identification card issued for purposes of carrying  
14 out such title.”.

15 (b) PROVISIONS RELATED TO MEDICAID OR  
16 SCHIP.—Section 205(e)(2)(C)(vi) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
17 402(e)(2)(C)(iv)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
18 lowing new subclause:

19 “(III) Any State or political subdivision thereof (and  
20 any person acting as an agent of such an agency or instru-  
21 mentality), in the administration of any program estab-  
22 lished under title XIX or XXI, may not display an individ-  
23 ual’s social security account number (or any derivative of  
24 such number) on any personal identification card issued  
25 for purposes of carrying out such program.”.

1           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply with respect to personal identifica-  
3 tion cards issued after 90 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS RELATING TO USE BY**  
6                           **PRIVATE ENTITIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY**  
7                           **ACCOUNT NUMBER.**

8           It is the sense of the Congress that private entities  
9 should not use social security account numbers as a meth-  
10 od of identification of individuals on documents made  
11 available to the public or on personal identification cards  
12 issued to individuals by such entities.

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