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H. R. 3779

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

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

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Fraud
3 Prevention Act of 2016”.

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

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—No department or agency of the
7 Federal Government may include the Social Security ac-
8 count number of any individual on any document sent by
9 mail unless the head of such department or agency deter-
10 mines that the inclusion of such Social Security number
11 on such document is necessary.

12 (b) **REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 1 year after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each depart-
14 ment and agency of the Federal Government shall issue
15 regulations specifying the circumstances under which in-
16 clusion of a Social Security account number on a docu-
17 ment sent by mail is necessary. Such regulations shall in-
18 clude—

19 (1) instructions for the partial redaction of So-
20 cial Security account numbers whenever feasible;
21 and

22 (2) a requirement that Social Security account
23 numbers not be visible on the outside of any package
24 sent by mail.

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

Passed the House of Representatives September 26,
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.