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H. R. 624

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on Federal documents sent by mail, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON**
7 **DOCUMENTS SENT BY MAIL.**

8 (a) RESTRICTION.—An agency may not include the
9 social security account number of an individual on any
10 document sent by mail unless the head of the agency de-

1 terminates that the inclusion of the social security account
2 number on the document is necessary.

3 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 5 years after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each CFO
5 Act agency shall issue regulations specifying the cir-
6 cumstances under which inclusion of a social security ac-
7 count number on a document sent by mail is necessary.
8 Such regulations shall include—

9 (1) instructions for the partial redaction of so-
10 cial security account numbers where feasible; and

11 (2) a requirement that social security account
12 numbers not be visible on the outside of any package
13 sent by mail.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, and not later than the first,
16 second, third, fourth, and fifth-year anniversary of such
17 date of enactment, the head of each CFO Act agency shall
18 submit to the Committee on Ways and Means and the
19 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the
20 House of Representatives, the Committee on Finance and
21 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
22 Affairs of the Senate, and any other appropriate author-
23 izing committees of the House of Representatives and the
24 Senate, a report on the implementation of subsection (a)
25 that includes the following:

1 (1) The title and identification number of any
2 document used by the CFO Act agency during the
3 previous year that includes the complete social secu-
4 rity account number of an individual.

5 (2) For the first report submitted, a plan that
6 describes how the CFO Act agency will comply with
7 the requirements of subsection (a).

8 (3) For the final report submitted, the title and
9 identification number of each document used by the
10 CFO Act agency for which the head of the agency
11 has determined, in accordance with regulations
12 issued pursuant to subsection (b), that the inclusion
13 of a social security account number on such docu-
14 ment is necessary, and the rationale for such deter-
15 mination.

16 (4) For any other report that is not the first or
17 final report submitted, an update on the implemen-
18 tation of the plan described under paragraph (2).

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
21 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
22 United States Code, but includes an establishment
23 in the legislative or judicial branch of the Govern-
24 ment (except the Senate, the House of Representa-
25 tives, and the Architect of the Capitol, and any ac-

(2) CFO ACT AGENCY.—The term “CFO Act agency” means the agencies listed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 901(b) of title 31, United States Code.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any document sent by mail on or after the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 24, 2017.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

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