

114TH CONGRESS
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S. 3063

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to discontinue using Social Security account numbers to identify individuals, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2016

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans’ Identity
5 Theft Protection Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISCONTINUATION BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**

7 **AFFAIRS OF USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY AC-**

8 **COUNT NUMBERS TO IDENTIFY VETERANS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection

10 (b), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with

1 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor, shall
2 discontinue using Social Security account numbers to
3 identify individuals in all information systems of the De-
4 partment of Veterans Affairs as follows:

5 (1) For all veterans submitting to the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs new claims for benefits under
7 laws administered by the Secretary, not later than
8 two years after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act.

10 (2) For all individuals not described in para-
11 graph (1), not later than five years after the date of
12 the enactment of this Act.

13 (b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
14 may use a Social Security account number to identify an
15 individual in an information system of the Department of
16 Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number
17 is required to obtain information the Secretary requires
18 from an information system that is not under the jurisdic-
19 tion of the Secretary.

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