

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 624

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON**
5 **DOCUMENTS SENT BY MAIL.**

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

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

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

19 (2) a requirement that social security account
20 numbers not be visible on the outside of any package
21 sent by mail.

22 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 30 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, and not later than the first,
24 second, third, fourth, and fifth-year anniversary of such
25 date of enactment, the head of each CFO Act agency shall
26 submit to the Committee on Ways and Means and the

1 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the
2 House of Representatives, the Committee on Finance and
3 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
4 Affairs of the Senate, and any other appropriate author-
5 izing committees of the House of Representatives and the
6 Senate, a report on the implementation of subsection (a)
7 that includes the following:

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

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

15 (3) For the final report submitted, the title and
16 identification number of each document used by the
17 CFO Act agency for which the head of the agency
18 has determined, in accordance with regulations
19 issued pursuant to subsection (b), that the inclusion
20 of a social security account number on such docu-
21 ment is necessary, and the rationale for such deter-
22 mination.

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

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
3 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
4 United States Code, but includes an establishment
5 in the legislative or judicial branch of the Govern-
6 ment (except the Senate, the House of Representa-
7 tives, and the Architect of the Capitol, and any ac-
8 tivities under the direction of the Architect of the
9 Capitol).

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives May 24, 2017.

Attest:

Clerk.

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