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# S. 2312

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to change the numerical identifier used to identify Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Social Security Num-  
5 ber Protection Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND**  
2 **HUMAN SERVICES TO CHANGE THE NUMER-**  
3 **ICAL IDENTIFIER USED TO IDENTIFY MEDI-**  
4 **CARE BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE MEDICARE**  
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health  
8 and Human Services shall establish and implement proce-  
9 dures to change the numerical identifier used to identify  
10 individuals entitled to benefits under part A of title XVIII  
11 of the Social Security Act or enrolled under part B of such  
12 title so that such an individual's social security account  
13 number is not displayed on the identification card issued  
14 to the individual under the Medicare program under such  
15 title or on any explanation of Medicare benefits mailed to  
16 the individual.

17 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
18 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
19 necessary to carry out this section.

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