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# H. R. 2368

To provide for updated and secure social security cards.

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Mr. CARTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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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 Card  
5 Fortification Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UPDATED AND SECURE SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(G) of the Social  
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(G)) is amended—

9               (1) by inserting “(i)” after “(G)”; and

10              (2) by adding at the end the following new  
11 clauses:

1           “(ii) A social security card issued pur-  
2           suant to clause (i) of this subparagraph to  
3           an individual described in subparagraph  
4           (B)(ii) shall—

5                   “(I) be made of tamperproof and  
6                   wear-resistant material,

7                   “(II) be designed, with such se-  
8                   curity features and under such meth-  
9                   ods as shall be determined by the  
10                  Commissioner, to prevent (to the max-  
11                  imum extent practicable) tampering,  
12                  counterfeiting, or duplication of the  
13                  card for fraudulent purposes and  
14                  fraudulent use of the card,

15                  “(III) be issued under such se-  
16                  cure procedures as to preclude the  
17                  issuance of the card to persons who  
18                  are ineligible to receive the card,

19                  “(IV) have clearly marked on its  
20                  face, the name and social security ac-  
21                  count number of the individual to  
22                  whom the card is issued,

23                  “(V) display a digital image, cap-  
24                  tured directly by an officer or em-  
25                  ployee of the Social Security Adminis-

1                   tration acting in his or her official ca-  
2                   pacity, of the person to whom the so-  
3                   cial security account number was  
4                   issued and the date on which that  
5                   image was captured, and

6                   “(VI) contain an encrypted, ma-  
7                   chine-readable electronic record which  
8                   shall include records of biometric  
9                   identifiers unique to the individual to  
10                  whom the card is issued, including a  
11                  copy of the digitized facial image  
12                  printed on the face of the card.

13                  “(iii) The Commissioner may charge a  
14                  reasonable fee to the recipient as a condi-  
15                  tion for issuance of a social security card  
16                  under this subparagraph to an individual  
17                  described in subparagraph (B)(ii). Fees  
18                  charged under this clause shall be in  
19                  amounts not greater than amounts nec-  
20                  essary to meet the administrative costs at-  
21                  tributable to the requirements of clause (ii)  
22                  of this subparagraph. Amounts received by  
23                  the Commissioner under this clause shall  
24                  be deposited in the Federal Old-Age and  
25                  Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and shall

1 be available for use by the Commissioner  
2 solely for purposes of meeting such re-  
3 quirements.

4 “(iv) The Commissioner may through  
5 a Memorandum of Understanding and a  
6 reimbursement of costs, delegate to the  
7 Secretary of Homeland Security the proc-  
8 ess of meeting the requirements of this  
9 paragraph by using the existing secure  
10 card manufacturing facilities and related  
11 systems used to produce the Permanent  
12 Resident Card and the B1/B2 Visa.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 subsection (a) of this section shall apply with respect to  
15 social security account numbers and social security cards  
16 issued after 2 years after the date of the enactment of  
17 this Act.

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