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To require the Internal Revenue Service to establish, incrementally over five years, a nationwide program to provide personal identification numbers to taxpayers to help prevent tax-related identity theft.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2019

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Taxpayer Identity Pro-
5 tection Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTITY PROTECTION PERSONAL IDENTIFICA-**
2 **TION NUMBERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
4 retary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s delegate (here-
5 after referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall
6 establish a program to issue, upon the request of any indi-
7 vidual, a number which may be used in connection with
8 such individual’s social security number (or other identi-
9 fying information with respect to such individual as deter-
10 mined by the Secretary) to assist the Secretary in
11 verifying such individual’s identity.

12 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

13 (1) ANNUAL EXPANSION.—For each calendar
14 year beginning after the date of the enactment of
15 this Act, the Secretary shall provide numbers
16 through the program described in subsection (a) to
17 individuals residing in such States as the Secretary
18 deems appropriate, provided that the total number
19 of States served by such program during such year
20 is greater than the total number of States served by
21 such program during the preceding year.

22 (2) NATIONWIDE AVAILABILITY.—Not later
23 than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this
24 Act, the Secretary shall ensure that the program de-

- 1 scribed in subsection (a) is made available to any in-
- 2 dividual residing in the United States.

