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H. R. 2417

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to preclude use of the social security account number on Government-issued identification cards issued in connection with benefits under Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2009

Mr. ARCURI (for himself, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. MINNICK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. POLIS of Colorado, and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Identity Protection Act
5 of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY**
2 **ACCOUNT NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT-ISSUED**
3 **IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED IN CONNEC-**
4 **TION WITH BENEFITS UNDER MEDICARE,**
5 **MEDICAID, AND CHIP.**

6 (a) PROVISIONS RELATED TO MEDICARE.—Section
7 205(c)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 405(c)(2)(C)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new clause:

10 “(x) In the administration of title XVIII, the Sec-
11 retary may not display an individual’s social security ac-
12 count number (or any derivative of such number) on any
13 personal identification card issued for purposes of carrying
14 such title or include on any such card a magnetic strip,
15 bar code, or other means of communication which conveys
16 such number (or derivative thereof).”.

17 (b) PROVISIONS RELATED TO MEDICAID OR CHIP.—
18 Section 205(c)(2)(C)(vi) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
19 402(c)(2)(C)(iv)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new subclause:

21 “(III) Any State or political subdivision thereof (and
22 any person acting as an agent of such an agency or instru-
23 mentality), in the administration of any program estab-
24 lished under title XIX or XXI, may not display an individ-
25 ual’s social security account number (or any derivative of
26 such number) on any personal identification card issued

1 for purposes of carrying out such program or include on
2 any such card a magnetic strip, bar code, or other means
3 of communication which conveys such number (or deriva-
4 tive thereof).”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall apply with respect to personal identifica-
7 tion cards issued after 90 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS RELATING TO USE BY**
10 **PRIVATE ENTITIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY**
11 **ACCOUNT NUMBER.**

12 It is the sense of the Congress that private entities
13 should not use social security account numbers as a meth-
14 od of identification of individuals on documents made
15 available to the public or on personal identification cards
16 issued to individuals by such entities or include on any
17 such document or card a magnetic strip, bar code, or other
18 means of communication which conveys such number (or
19 derivative thereof).

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