

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3779

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## AN ACT

To restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, 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 Fraud  
3 Prevention Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION OF SSNS ON DOCUMENTS SENT BY**  
5 **MAIL.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—No department or agency of the  
7 Federal Government may include the Social Security ac-  
8 count number of any individual on any document sent by  
9 mail unless the head of such department or agency deter-  
10 mines that the inclusion of such Social Security number  
11 on such document is necessary.

12 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each depart-  
14 ment and agency of the Federal Government shall issue  
15 regulations specifying the circumstances under which in-  
16 clusion of a Social Security account number on a docu-  
17 ment sent by mail is necessary. Such regulations shall in-  
18 clude—

19 (1) instructions for the partial redaction of So-  
20 cial Security account numbers whenever feasible;  
21 and

22 (2) a requirement that Social Security account  
23 numbers not be visible on the outside of any package  
24 sent by mail.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall apply with re-  
2 spect to documents sent by mail on or after the date that  
3 is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives September 26,  
2016.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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