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H. R. 7143

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to modernize social security account numbers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2018

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 Modernization Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC LISTING OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT**
7 **NUMBERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(B) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(B)) is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following:

1 “(iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in-
2 cluding subparagraph (C)(viii) of this paragraph and sec-
3 tion 552a of title 5, United States Code, the Commissioner
4 of Social Security shall maintain a complete public listing
5 of each social security account number that has been as-
6 signed to any individual at any time.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2028.

9 **SEC. 3. PHASEOUT OF PAPER SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS.**

10 Section 205(c)(2)(G) of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(G)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “The Commissioner” and insert-
13 ing “For individuals who are issued a social security
14 account number before October 1, 2023, the Com-
15 missioner”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following: “The
17 Commissioner of Social Security may not issue a re-
18 placement for the social security card of any indi-
19 vidual on or after October 1, 2028.”

20 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON FEDERAL USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
21 **ACCOUNT NUMBERS.**

22 Not later than January 15, 2021, the Comptroller
23 General of the United States shall submit a report to Con-
24 gress on all uses of the social security account number
25 by each Federal agency, which includes the citation of any

1 associated requirement (including statutory, regulatory,
2 and other requirements). The Comptroller General shall
3 submit to Congress a biennial update of such report not
4 later than January 15 of the 1st session of each Congress.

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