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Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2971	Related bill	Nov 22, 2004: House Committee on Judiciary Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 10, 2004.
108 HR 637	Identical bill	Mar 6, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act - Amends the Federal criminal code to prohibit the display, sale, or purchase of social security numbers without the affirmatively expressed consent of the individual, except in specified circumstances. Directs the Attorney General to study and report to Congress on all the uses of social security numbers permitted, required, authorized, or excepted under any Federal law.

Establishes a public records exception to the prohibition. Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on social security numbers in public records. Grants the Attorney General rulemaking authority.

Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to prohibit: (1) the use of social security numbers on checks issued for payment by governmental agencies; (2) the appearance of such numbers on driver's licenses or motor vehicle registration; and (3) inmate access to social security account numbers.

Prohibits a commercial entity from requiring an individual to provide a social security number when purchasing a commercial good or service or denying an individual the good or service for refusing to provide that number, with exceptions. Establishes civil and criminal penalties.

Extends civil monetary penalties for misuse of a social security number.

Provides for: (1) criminal penalties under SSA title II for the misuse of a social security number; (2) civil actions and civil penalties against persons who violate this Act; and (3) Federal injunctive authority with respect to any violation by a public entity.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2003:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 5.
- **Jan 28, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 28, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1680-1681)
- **Jan 28, 2003:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1681-1685)