

## S 2801

Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2004

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Sep 14, 2004

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9225-9231)

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(Sep 14, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/2801>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 14, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2004 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) specify restrictions on the sale and display to the general public of Social Security account numbers (SSNs) (or any derivatives) by Federal, State, and local governments and bankruptcy case trustees; (2) prohibit the display of SSNs (or any derivatives) on checks issued for payment by such governments, or on driver's licenses or motor vehicle registrations; (3) prohibit the Federal, State, or local government display of SSNs (or any derivatives) on employee identification cards or tags (IDs); (4) prohibit access to the SSNs of other individuals by prisoners employed by Federal, State, or local governments; (5) prohibit the selling, purchasing, or displaying of SSNs (with certain exceptions), or the obtaining or use of any individual's SSN to locate or identify such individual with the intent to physically injure or harm such individual or to use the individual's ID for any illegal purpose by any person; and (6) require States to require independent verification of birth records provided in support of applications for SSNs.

Subjects to the Fair Credit Reporting Act information regarding a consumer's SSN (and any derivative) (credit header information). Provides that any person who refuses to do business with an individual for refusing to disclose his or her SSN shall be considered to have committed an unfair or deceptive act or practice.

Directs the Commissioner of Social Security to: (1) make improvements to the enumeration at birth program for the issuance of Social Security account numbers to newborns; and (2) by regulation restrict the issuance of multiple replacement Social Security cards to any individual to minimize fraud.

Establishes civil and criminal penalties for violations of this Act, and enhanced penalties in cases of terrorism, drug trafficking, crimes of violence, or prior offenses.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 14, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 14, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9224)
- **Sep 14, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9225-9231)

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