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Social Security Number Protection Act of 2006

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 14, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 11, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 29, 2006)

Social Security Number Protection Act of 2006 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to make it unlawful for any person to sell or purchase a Social Security number in a manner that violates a regulation promulgated by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Directs the FTC to promulgate regulations restricting the sale and purchase of such numbers and any unfair or deceptive acts or practices involved in such a sale or purchase. Requires such regulations to be no broader than necessary to: (1) provide reasonable assurance that Social Security numbers will not be used to commit or facilitate fraud, deception, or crime; and (2) prevent an undue risk of bodily, emotional, or financial harm to individuals.

Requires such regulations also to include exceptions which permit the sale and purchase of Social Security numbers to the extent necessary for: (1) law enforcement, national security, and public health purposes; (2) research conducted for the purpose of advancing public knowledge, subject to certain conditions; and (3) legitimate consumer credit verification, if the numbers used are redacted in accordance with uniform redaction standards established by the FTC in such regulations.

Requires exceptions also for the sale and purchase of such numbers to the extent: (1) necessary in emergency situations to protect the health or safety of one or more individuals; and (2) consistent with an individual's voluntary and affirmative written consent to the sale or purchase of his or her number.

Prescribes enforcement requirements. Authorizes states to bring civil actions on behalf of state residents in a U.S. district court to: (1) enjoin an act or practice; (2) enforce compliance with the regulation; (3) obtain civil penalties in an amount of $11,000 per violation, up to a total of $5 million; or (4) obtain other appropriate legal and equitable relief.

Allows the U.S. Attorney General to institute a criminal proceeding for a violation of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2006:** House Committee on Ways and Means Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 8, 2006.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 109-708, Part I.
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- **Sep 29, 2006:** House Committee on Ways and Means Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Nov. 17, 2006.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 14, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Mar 11, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Mar 3, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 3, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E368-369)
- **Mar 3, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
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