

HR 5234

Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 18, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 238	Related bill	Mar 21, 2007: Committee on the Judiciary Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 110-62.

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, including the impact of such uses on privacy and data security.

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 to enforce this Act's prohibition and to implement and clarify the permitted uses occurring as a result of an interaction between businesses, governments, or business and government.

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; and (2) 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

- **Feb 25, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Feb 18, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Feb 6, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.