

HR 2398

Social Security Identity Defense Act of 2015

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Policy Area: Taxation

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Jun 16, 2015)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		May 21, 2015
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jul 8, 2015
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jul 15, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 18, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1323	Identical bill	May 13, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to the disclosure of tax return information in cases of identity theft, to require the Department of the Treasury to: (1) disclose to the holder of a valid social security account number that there is reason to believe that there has been a fraudulent use of such account number; and (2) disclose to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) such social security account number, that there is reason to believe that such account number has been fraudulently used in the employment context, and the taxpayer identity information of the individual who was assigned such account number.

The bill authorizes the FBI and DOJ to disclose taxpayer information to appropriate federal, state, and local law enforcement officials solely for purposes of carrying out criminal investigations or prosecutions.

The bill also imposes new criminal and civil penalties for tax-related identity theft and misappropriation of tax identification numbers.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **May 18, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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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