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H. R. 3218

To amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks or other drafts issued on public money in the Treasury.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 1999

Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SANDLIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. LEE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. NEY, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. BAKER, Mr. SCHAFFER, and Mr. KUYKENDALL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Num-
3 ber Confidentiality Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. OPEN DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT**
5 **NUMBERS ON THE FACE OF GOVERNMENT**
6 **CHECK MAILINGS PROHIBITED.**

7 Section 3327 of title 31 of the United States Code
8 (relating to general authority to issue checks and other
9 drafts) is amended—

10 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Secretary”;

11 and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(b) The Secretary of the Treasury shall take such
15 actions as are necessary to ensure that Social Security ac-
16 count numbers (including derivatives of such numbers) are
17 not visible on or through unopened mailings of checks or
18 other drafts described in subsection (a) of this section.”.

19 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TRANSITIONAL RULE.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this
21 Act shall apply with respect to all mailings of checks or
22 other drafts issued on or after the date which is 3 years
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

24 (b) PHASE-IN OF AMENDMENTS.—Effective on the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
26 Treasury shall commence procedures to gradually imple-

1 ment the amendments made by this Act in advance of the
2 effective date described in subsection (a). Not later than
3 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
4 annually thereafter for each of the next two years, the Sec-
5 retary shall transmit to each House of the Congress a re-
6 port describing the manner and extent to which the re-
7 quirements of the preceding sentence have been carried
8 out.

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