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# H. R. 3218

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

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.

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 2000”.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives October 18,  
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*