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# H. R. 5320

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. RENACCI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Must  
5       Avert Identity Loss (MAIL) Act of 2016”.

6       **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUM-**  
7       **BERS IN DOCUMENTS SENT BY MAIL.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(C) of the Social  
9       Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)) is amended by add-  
10      ing at the end the following:

1       “(xiv)(I) The Commissioner of Social Security shall  
2 ensure that no document sent by mail by the Social Secu-  
3 rity Administration includes a complete social security ac-  
4 count number unless the Commissioner determines that  
5 inclusion of such complete number is necessary.

6       “(II) Not later than 30 days after the date of the  
7 enactment of this clause and not later than each of March  
8 31 and September 30 of each year following the year in  
9 which such date of enactment occurs, the Commissioner  
10 of Social Security shall submit to the Committee on Ways  
11 and Means of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
12 mittee on Finance of the Senate a report on the implemen-  
13 tation of subclause (I). Such report shall include—

14           “(aa) the title and identification number of  
15 each document used by the Social Security Adminis-  
16 tration during the previous year on which is printed  
17 an individual’s complete social security account num-  
18 ber;

19           “(bb) the most recent date on which each such  
20 document was updated; and

21           “(cc) the projected date on which complete so-  
22 cial security account numbers will be removed from  
23 each such document, or if the Commissioner deter-  
24 mines that inclusion of such complete number is nec-  
25 essary, the rationale for such determination.”.

1           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-  
2   fect as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment  
3   of this Act.

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