

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3635

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## AN ACT

To ensure the functionality and security of new Federal websites that collect personally identifiable information, and for other purposes.

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 “Safe and Secure Fed-  
3 eral Websites Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENSURING FUNCTIONALITY AND SECURITY OF NEW**  
5 **FEDERAL WEBSITES THAT COLLECT PERSON-**  
6 **ALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.**

7 (a) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

8       (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-  
9 vided under this subsection, an agency may not de-  
10 ploy or make available to the public a new Federal  
11 PII website until the date on which the chief infor-  
12 mation officer of the agency submits a certification  
13 to Congress that the website is fully functional and  
14 secure.

15       (2) TRANSITION.—In the case of a new Federal  
16 PII website that is operational on the date of the en-  
17 actment of this Act, paragraph (1) shall not apply  
18 until the end of the 90-day period beginning on such  
19 date of enactment. If the certification required under  
20 paragraph (1) for such website has not been sub-  
21 mitted to Congress before the end of such period,  
22 the head of the responsible agency shall render the  
23 website inaccessible to the public until such certifi-  
24 cation is submitted to Congress.

25       (3) EXCEPTION FOR BETA WEBSITE WITH EX-  
26 Plicit PERMISSION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply

1 to a website (or portion thereof) that is in a develop-  
2 ment or testing phase, if the following conditions are  
3 met:

4 (A) A member of the public may access  
5 PII-related portions of the website only after  
6 executing an agreement that acknowledges the  
7 risks involved.

8 (B) No agency compelled, enjoined, or oth-  
9 erwise provided incentives for such a member to  
10 access the website for such purposes.

11 (4) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section  
12 shall be construed as applying to a website that is  
13 operated entirely by an entity (such as a State or lo-  
14 cality) that is independent of the Federal Govern-  
15 ment, regardless of the receipt of funding in support  
16 of such website from the Federal Government.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the  
19 meaning given that term under section 551 of title  
20 5, United States Code.

21 (2) FULLY FUNCTIONAL.—The term “fully  
22 functional” means, with respect to a new Federal  
23 PII website, that the website can fully support the  
24 activities for which it is designed or intended with  
25 regard to the eliciting, collection, storage, or mainte-

1 nance of personally identifiable information, includ-  
2 ing handling a volume of queries relating to such in-  
3 formation commensurate with the purpose for which  
4 the website is designed.

5 (3) NEW FEDERAL PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE  
6 INFORMATION WEBSITE (NEW FEDERAL PII  
7 WEBSITE).—The terms “new Federal personally  
8 identifiable information website” and “new Federal  
9 PII website” mean a website that—

10 (A) is operated by (or under a contract  
11 with) an agency;

12 (B) elicits, collects, stores, or maintains  
13 personally identifiable information of individuals  
14 and is accessible to the public; and

15 (C) is first made accessible to the public  
16 and collects or stores personally identifiable in-  
17 formation of individuals, on or after October 1,  
18 2012.

19 (4) OPERATIONAL.—The term “operational”  
20 means, with respect to a website, that such website  
21 elicits, collects, stores, or maintains personally iden-  
22 tifiable information of members of the public and is  
23 accessible to the public.

24 (5) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION  
25 (PII).—The terms “personally identifiable informa-

tion” and “PII” mean any information about an individual elicited, collected, stored, or maintained by an agency, including—

(A) any information that can be used to distinguish or trace the identity of an individual, such as a name, a social security number, a date and place of birth, a mother’s maiden name, or biometric records; and

(B) any other information that is linked or linkable to an individual, such as medical, educational, financial, and employment information.

(6) RESPONSIBLE AGENCY.—The term “responsible agency” means, with respect to a new Federal PII website, the agency that is responsible for the operation (whether directly or through contracts with other entities) of the website.

(7) SECURE.—The term “secure” means, with respect to a new Federal PII website, that the following requirements are met:

(A) The website is in compliance with subchapter III of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code.

(B) The website ensures that personally identifiable information elicited, collected,

1 stored, or maintained in connection with the  
2 website is captured at the latest possible step in  
3 a user input sequence.

4 (C) The responsible agency for the website  
5 has taken reasonable efforts to minimize do-  
6 main name confusion, including through addi-  
7 tional domain registrations.

8 (D) The responsible agency requires all  
9 personnel who have access to personally identi-  
10 fiable information in connection with the  
11 website to have completed a Standard Form  
12 85P and signed a non-disclosure agreement  
13 with respect to personally identifiable informa-  
14 tion, and the agency takes proper precautions  
15 to ensure only trustworthy persons may access  
16 such information.

17 (E) The responsible agency maintains (ei-  
18 ther directly or through contract) sufficient per-  
19 sonnel to respond in a timely manner to issues  
20 relating to the proper functioning and security  
21 of the website, and to monitor on an ongoing  
22 basis existing and emerging security threats to  
23 the website.

24 (8) STATE.—The term “State” means each  
25 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,

1 each territory or possession of the United States,  
2 and each federally recognized Indian tribe.

3 **SEC. 3. PRIVACY BREACH REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) INFORMATION SECURITY AMENDMENT.—Sub-  
5 chapter III of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code,  
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“§ 3550. Privacy breach requirements**

8 “(a) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—The Director of  
9 the Office of Management and Budget shall establish and  
10 oversee policies and procedures for agencies to follow in  
11 the event of a breach of information security involving the  
12 disclosure of personally identifiable information, including  
13 requirements for—

14 “(1) not later than 72 hours after the agency  
15 discovers such a breach, or discovers evidence that  
16 reasonably indicates such a breach has occurred, no-  
17 tice to the individuals whose personally identifiable  
18 information could be compromised as a result of  
19 such breach;

20 “(2) timely reporting to a Federal cybersecurity  
21 center, as designated by the Director of the Office  
22 of Management and Budget; and

23 “(3) any additional actions that the Director  
24 finds necessary and appropriate, including data  
25 breach analysis, fraud resolution services, identity

1 theft insurance, and credit protection or monitoring  
2 services.

3 “(b) REQUIRED AGENCY ACTION.—The head of each  
4 agency shall ensure that actions taken in response to a  
5 breach of information security involving the disclosure of  
6 personally identifiable information under the authority or  
7 control of the agency comply with policies and procedures  
8 established by the Director of the Office of Management  
9 and Budget under subsection (a).

10 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each year,  
11 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
12 shall report to Congress on agency compliance with the  
13 policies and procedures established under subsection (a).

14 “(d) FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY CENTER DE-  
15 FINED.—The term ‘Federal cybersecurity center’ means  
16 any of the following:

17 “(1) The Department of Defense Cyber Crime  
18 Center.

19 “(2) The Intelligence Community Incident Re-  
20 sponse Center.

21 “(3) The United States Cyber Command Joint  
22 Operations Center.

23 “(4) The National Cyber Investigative Joint  
24 Task Force.



1           “(5) Central Security Service Threat Oper-  
2           ations Center of the National Security Agency.

3           “(6) The United States Computer Emergency  
4           Readiness Team.

5           “(7) Any successor to a center, team, or task  
6           force described in paragraphs (1) through (6).

7           “(8) Any center that the Director of the Office  
8           of Management and Budget determines is appro-  
9           priate to carry out the requirements of this sec-  
10          tion.”.

11          (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
12          The table of sections for subchapter III of chapter 35 of  
13          title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
14          end the following:

“3550. Privacy breach requirements.”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 28, 2014.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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