

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 466

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the Commissioner of Social Security from publishing the social security numbers of deceased individuals in the Death Master File, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Mr. CAPUANO 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 Death  
5 Master File Privacy Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PUBLICATION OF SOCIAL SECUR-**  
2 **RITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS IN THE DEATH**  
3 **MASTER FILE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2) of the Social  
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)) is amended by adding  
6 at the end the following:

7 “(I)(i) The Commissioner of Social Security may not  
8 publish in the Death Master File (or any other public  
9 database maintained by the Commissioner that contains  
10 information relating to the death of individuals) the social  
11 security account number of any deceased individual.

12 “(ii) The Commissioner shall not be compelled to dis-  
13 close the social security account number of any deceased  
14 individual to any member of the public under section 552  
15 of title 5, United States Code. For purposes of such sec-  
16 tion, this clause shall be considered a statute described  
17 in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section.”.

18 (b) INFORMATION SHARING WITH FEDERAL AND  
19 STATE AGENCIES.—Section 205(r)(3) of such Act (42  
20 U.S.C. 405(r)(3)) is amended by inserting after “such in-  
21 formation” the following: “(including information related  
22 to a deceased individual received by the Commissioner  
23 other than as described in paragraph (1))”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall take effect 90 days after the date of the  
3 enactment of this Act.

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