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# H. R. 744

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Texas) introduced  
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity  
thefts, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stopping Tax Offend-  
5 ers and Prosecuting Identity Theft Act of 2013” or the  
6 “STOP Identity Theft Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RESOURCES**  
2 **WITH REGARD TO TAX RETURN IDENTITY**  
3 **THEFT.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney General should  
5 make use of all existing resources of the Department of  
6 Justice, including any appropriate task forces, to bring  
7 more perpetrators of tax return identity theft to justice.

8 (b) **CONSIDERATIONS TO BE TAKEN INTO AC-**  
9 **COUNT.**—In carrying out this section, the Attorney Gen-  
10 eral should take into account the following:

11 (1) The need to concentrate efforts in those  
12 areas of the country where the crime is most fre-  
13 quently reported.

14 (2) The need to coordinate with State and local  
15 authorities for the most efficient use of their laws  
16 and resources to prosecute and prevent the crime.

17 (3) The need to protect vulnerable groups, such  
18 as veterans, seniors, and minors (especially foster  
19 children) from becoming victims or otherwise used in  
20 the offense.

21 **SEC. 3. VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT MAY INCLUDE ORGA-**  
22 **NIZATIONS.**

23 Chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-  
24 ed—

25 (1) in section 1028—

1 (A) in subsection (a)(7), by inserting “(in-  
2 cluding an organization)” after “another per-  
3 son”; and

4 (B) in subsection (d)(7), in the matter pre-  
5 ceeding subparagraph (A), by inserting “or other  
6 person” after “specific individual”; and

7 (2) in section 1028A(a)(1), by inserting “(in-  
8 cluding an organization)” after “another person”.

9 **SEC. 4. IDENTITY THEFT FOR PURPOSES OF TAX FRAUD.**

10 Section 1028(b)(3) of title 18, United States Code,  
11 is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at  
13 the end;

14 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or” after  
15 the semicolon; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(D) during and in relation to a felony  
18 under section 7206 or 7207 of the Internal  
19 Revenue Code of 1986;”.

20 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

21 (a) **GENERALLY.**—Beginning with the first report  
22 made more than 9 months after the date of the enactment  
23 of this Act under section 1116 of title 31, United States  
24 Code, the Attorney General shall include in such report  
25 the information described in subsection (b) of this section

1 as to progress in implementing this Act and the amend-  
2 ments made by this Act.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—The information referred to in sub-  
4 section (a) is as follows:

5 (1) Information readily available to the Depart-  
6 ment of Justice about trends in the incidence of tax  
7 return identity theft.

8 (2) The effectiveness of statutory tools, includ-  
9 ing those provided by this Act, in aiding the Depart-  
10 ment of Justice in the prosecution of tax return  
11 identity theft.

12 (3) Recommendations on additional statutory  
13 tools that would aid in removing barriers to effective  
14 prosecution of tax return identity theft.

15 (4) The status on implementing the rec-  
16 ommendations of the Department’s March 2010  
17 Audit Report 10–21 entitled “The Department of  
18 Justice’s Efforts to Combat Identity Theft”.

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