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# H. R. 4361

To amend section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for enhanced security of Federal information systems, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2016

Mr. PALMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 “The Federal Informa-  
5 tion Systems Safeguards Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. AGENCY DISCRETION TO SECURE INFORMATION**  
7 **TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS.**

8 Section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 section:

1       “(f) AGENCY DISCRETION.—The head of each agency  
2 has the sole and exclusive authority, with respect to any  
3 information technology or information system under the  
4 control of such agency—

5               “(1) to take any action the agency determines  
6       to be necessary to reduce or eliminate security weak-  
7       ness and risk, including to protect the information  
8       contained in the information technology or informa-  
9       tion system; and

10              “(2) to take any action the agency determines  
11       to be necessary to reduce or eliminate future secu-  
12       rity weakness and risk, including to protect the in-  
13       formation contained in the information technology or  
14       information system.”.

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