

persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in municipal securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market in municipal securities, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The MSRB believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Exchange Act in that it allows for a more efficient process of submitting required information by dealers to the MSRB.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The MSRB does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act since it would apply equally to all dealers

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve the proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

The MSRB has requested that the proposed rule change become effective on the later of June 30, 2003 or 30 days after Commission approval.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule is consistent with the Exchange Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0608. Copies of the submissions, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the SEC, and all written communications relating to

the proposed rule change between the SEC and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the SEC's Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the MSRB's principal offices. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-MSRB-2003-01 and should be submitted by April 22, 2003.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Alteration to an Existing System of Records

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of alteration to an existing Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)) we are issuing public notice of our intent to alter an existing system of records, the *Claims Folders System, 60-0089*, by expanding the categories of records mentioned in the System. We discuss this proposed change in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

We invite public comments on these proposals.

DATES: We filed a report of the proposed alteration with the Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, the Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, and the Director, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on March 25, 2003. The proposed alteration will become effective on May 8, 2003, unless we receive comments on or before that date that would warrant our not implementing the proposed alteration.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the Executive Director, Office of Public Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, 3-A-6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401. All

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Linda Thibodeaux, Social Insurance Specialist, Social Security Administration, Room 3-C-2 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, telephone (410) 965-9821, e-mail: linda.thibodeaux@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Purpose of the Proposed Alteration to Existing Privacy Act System of Records, the Claims Folders System, 60-0089

A. General Background

The Social Security Administration (SSA) plans to conduct several pilot projects designed to test and gather information on the use of photographic identification to address the issue of complicit impersonation in the disability and blindness claims process. The part of the disability and blindness determination process used by SSA to supplement existing medical evidence from treatment sources when there is not enough information to make a disability or blindness determination or decision is the consultative examination (CE). Complicit impersonation is accomplished when an individual posing as the intended claimant, and with the consent of the claimant, responds to a CE appointment in order to misrepresent the claimant's true medical condition or provides false or misleading information that affects eligibility during interviews with SSA field office employees.

SSA is promulgating temporary regulations that will provide the authority for us to require individuals filing for title II or title XVI disability and blindness benefits in the pilot sites to have their photograph taken. Once these regulations are promulgated, failure to comply with the pilot requirements will result in denial of benefits.

The claimant identification pilot projects will be in effect for a six-month period of time that will begin 30 days after final rules providing regulatory authority for the pilots are published in the **Federal Register**. The pilot sites include all SSA field offices in the States of South Carolina and Kansas; the Augusta, Georgia SSA field office; and nine SSA field offices located in New York City: Uptown (Manhattan); East Bronx (Bronx); Parkway (Bronx); West Farms (Bronx); Bushwick (Brooklyn); East New York (Brooklyn); Avenue X (Brooklyn); Flatbush (Brooklyn) and Flushing (Queens).