

S 2933

Elder Justice Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Carnahan, Jean [D-MO]	D · MO		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 12, 2002
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Sep 23, 2002
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Sep 23, 2002
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Sep 30, 2002
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Oct 3, 2002
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Oct 3, 2002
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 19, 2002
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Nov 19, 2002
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Nov 19, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 12, 2002

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Sep 12, 2002)

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Elder Justice Act - Amends the Social Security Act (SSA) to add a new title XXII (Elder Justice) to establish: (1) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) an Office of Elder Justice, headed by a Director who shall develop objectives, priorities, policy, and a long-term plan for elder justice programs; (2) within HHS an Intra-Agency Elder Justice Steering Committee to coordinate HHS elder justice programs and policy; (3) the Elder Justice Coordinating Council to make recommendations for the coordination of activities, relating to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation and other crimes against elders, to HHS, the Department of Justice, and other relevant Federal, State, local, and private agencies and entities; and (4) the Advisory Board on Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation.

Outlines provisions with respect to uniform collection, maintenance, and dissemination of national data relating to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Authorizes the HHS Secretary to award various grants, including grants for: (1) prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; (2) five Centers of Excellence nationwide that shall specialize in research, clinical practice, and training relating to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; (3) six diverse communities to examine various types of elder shelters and to test various models for establishing safe havens; (4) nonprofit organizations to encourage such organizations to establish or continue volunteer programs that focus on the issues of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, or that provide related services; and (5) various multidisciplinary elder justice activities.

Provides for: (1) reporting to law enforcement of crimes occurring in Federally-funded long-term care facilities; (2) revising the quality of long-term care; and (3) increasing consumer information about long-term care.

Amends: (1) SSA titles XVIII (Medicare) and XIX (Medicaid) to establish programs to prevent abuse of skilled nursing facility and nursing facility residents; (2) the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of health care professionals with geriatric training; (3) the Older Americans Act of 1965 with respect to the long-term care ombudsman program; (4) part A (General Provisions) of SSA title XI to establish in HHS the Office of Adult Protective Services; and (5) SSA titles XVIII and XIX to assure safety of residents when nursing facilities close.

Establishes in the Department of Justice an Office of Elder Justice.

Amends the: (1) Federal criminal code to provide for a cause of action for elder abuse and neglect; and (2) Internal Revenue Code to provide for a long-term care facility worker employment tax credit.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 13, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8592-8593)
- **Sep 12, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 12, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.