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Safety of Seniors Act of 2008

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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110 S 845	Related bill	Apr 23, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-202.

Safety of Seniors Act of 2008 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) oversee and support a national education campaign focusing on reducing falls among older adults and preventing repeat falls; and (2) award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to design and carry out local education campaigns.

Allows the Secretary to conduct and support research to: (1) improve the identification of older adults who have a high risk of falling; (2) improve data collection and analysis to identify fall risk and protective factors; (3) design, implement, and evaluate the most effective fall prevention interventions; (4) tailor effective strategies to reduce falls to specific populations of older adults; (5) maximize the dissemination of proven, effective fall prevention interventions; (6) improve the diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of elderly fall victims and older adults at high risk for falls; and (7) assess the risks of falls occurring in various settings.

Authorizes the Secretary to: (1) conduct research concerning the barriers to the adoption of proven fall prevention interventions; (2) conduct research to develop, implement, and evaluate the most effective approaches to reduce falls among high-risk older adults living in communities and long-term care and assisted living facilities; (3) evaluate the effectiveness of community programs; (4) provide professional education for physicians and allied health professionals in fall prevention; (5) oversee and support specified demonstration and research projects; (6) award grants to design, implement, and evaluate fall prevention programs using proven intervention strategies and carry out a multistate demonstration project; (7) give priority in awarding grants under this Act to entities that explore the use of cost-sharing to ensure the institutional commitment of the recipients of such assistance to the funded projects; and (8) report to Congress on the effects of falls on health care costs, the potential for reducing falls, and the most effective strategies for reducing associated health care costs.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 8, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 110-569.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 351.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
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- **Mar 11, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 11, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.