

HR 5352

Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Apr 23, 2008
Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 8, 2008
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		May 21, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	May 13, 2008
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 2, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 18, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008 - **Title I: Elder Abuse Victims** - (Sec. 101) Directs the Attorney General to: (1) study and report to Congress on state laws and practices relating to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and (2) develop objectives, priorities, policies, and a long-term plan for elder justice programs and activities.

Directs the Comptroller General to report to Congress any recommendations with respect to any federal legislation, regulations, or programs determined necessary to improve elder justice in the United States.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2015.

(Sec. 102) Authorizes the Attorney General to award victim advocacy grants for study of the special needs of victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including related pilot programs. Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2015.

(Sec. 103) Directs the Attorney General to award grants to eligible entities to provide training, technical assistance, policy development, multidisciplinary coordination, and other types of support to local prosecutors and courts handling elder justice-related cases, funding in particular: (1) specially designated elder justice positions or units in local prosecutors' offices and local courts; and (2) the creation of a Center for the Prosecution of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation to advise and support local prosecutors and courts nationwide in the pursuit of such cases.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2015.

(Sec. 104) Directs the Attorney General to award similar grants to eligible entities to provide support to state prosecutors and courts, employees of state Attorneys General, and Medicaid Fraud Control Units handling elder justice-related matters.

Authorizes use of such grants to: (1) establish specially designated elder justice positions or units in state prosecutors' offices and state courts; and (2) create a position to coordinate elder justice-related cases, training, technical assistance, and policy development for state prosecutors and courts.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2015.

(Sec. 105) Directs the Attorney General to award similar grants to eligible entities to provide support to police, sheriffs, detectives, public safety officers, corrections personnel, and other first responders who handle elder justice-related matters to fund specially designated elder justice positions or units designed to support first responders in elder justice matters.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2015.

(Sec. 106) Directs the Attorney General to: (1) require each recipient to use a portion of grant funds to conduct a validated evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities carried out through the grant; or (2) use a portion of funds under this title to assist an eligible entity to conduct such an evaluation.

Prescribes general requirements for grant applications and their review and selection.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2015.

(Sec. 107) Defines eligible entity as a state or local government agency, Indian tribe or tribal organization, or any other public or nonprofit private entity that is engaged in and has expertise in issues relating to elder justice or a field necessary

to promote elder justice efforts.

Title II: Elder Serve Victim Grant Programs - (Sec. 201) Directs the Attorney General, acting through the Director of the Office of Victims of Crime of the Department of Justice, to carry out a three-year Elder Serve Victim program to provide grants to eligible entities (crime victim assistance programs receiving grants under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984) to establish programs to facilitate and coordinate programs for victims of elder abuse.

Requires a recipient to use its grant to establish an Emergency Crisis Response Team program, which shall: (1) include immediate, short-term emergency services, including shelter, care services, food, clothing, transportation to medical or legal appointments; and (2) provide other appropriate services to victims of elder abuse.

Limits short-term housing for such victims to 30 days.

Requires a grant recipient also to establish counseling, mental health screening, emergency legal advocacy, job placement assistance, bereavement counseling, and other appropriate service programs.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2011.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8658)
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 387 - 28 (Roll no. 626).(text: CR H 9/22/2008 H8658)
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 387 - 28 (Roll no. 626). (text: CR H 9/22/2008 H8658)
- **Sep 23, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 22, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-864, Part I.
- **Sep 22, 2008:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Sep 22, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 561.
- **Sep 22, 2008:** Ms. Sutton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 22, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8519-8522)
- **Sep 22, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5352.
- **Sep 22, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 11, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 14, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 13, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 13, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **May 6, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 17, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 25, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Feb 18, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support.
- **Feb 12, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.