

S 845

Safety of Seniors Act of 2007

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]

Party: Republican • State: WY • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 12, 2007
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 28, 2007
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 28, 2007
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		May 15, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 2, 2007
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 29, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3701	Related bill	Apr 8, 2008: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 351.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on August 1, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Safety of Seniors Act of 2007 - 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

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- **Apr 23, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 23, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-202.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Mrs. Capps moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2034-2036)
- **Apr 8, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 845.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2034-2035)
- **Apr 8, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2034-2035)
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 2, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10676-10678; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S10676-10677)
- **Aug 1, 2007:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 1, 2007:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 28, 2007:** By Senator Kennedy from Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions filed written report. Report No. 110-110.
- **Mar 29, 2007:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Kennedy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Mar 29, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 12, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 12, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.