

## S 845

### Safety of Seniors Act of 2007

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** Mar 12, 2007

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 110-202.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 110-202. (Apr 23, 2008)

**Law:** 110-202 (Enacted Apr 23, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/845>

### 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.