

## HR 4979

End Abuse in Later Life Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                 | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4] | D · WI        |      | May 8, 2012 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Judiciary Committee | House   | Referred to | May 18, 2012 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship | Last Action  |
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| 112 S 464 | Related bill | Mar 2, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1144-1145) |

End Abuse in Later Life Act of 2012 - Amends the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to authorize appropriations for and revise provisions governing the grant program to end abuse of individuals age 50 and over that is authorized to be conducted by the Attorney General through the Director of the Office of Violence Against Women.

Makes currently listed activities mandatory for grant recipients and sets forth as additional permissible activities: (1) providing training programs to assist attorneys, health care providers, faith-based leaders, or other community-based organizations in recognizing and addressing instances of such abuse; and (2) conducting outreach activities and public awareness campaigns to ensure that abuse victims receive appropriate assistance.

Includes as eligible entities: (1) a population-specific organization with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age; (2) a victim service provider with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; or (3) a state, tribal, or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalition.

Requires each eligible entity to demonstrate that it is a part of a multidisciplinary partnership that includes a law enforcement agency, a prosecutor's office, a victim service provider, and a nonprofit program or government agency with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals in later life.

Directs the Attorney General to give priority to proposals providing population-specific services to racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations.

Amends the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to replace the term "elder law" with "abuse in later life."

## **Actions Timeline**

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