

HR 444

Seniors Fraud Prevention Act of 2017

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Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jul 25, 2017
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Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Aug 11, 2017
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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Oct 25, 2017
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 26, 2017
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Nov 6, 2017
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2017
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2018
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 7, 2018
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 13, 2018
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 25, 2018
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jul 25, 2018
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Aug 24, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 81	Identical bill	Aug 11, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Summary (as of Jan 11, 2017)

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This bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to establish an office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection to advise the FTC on the prevention of fraud targeting seniors and to assist the FTC in monitoring the market for mail, television, Internet, telemarketing, and recorded message telephone call (robocall) fraud targeting seniors.

The office must: (1) disseminate to seniors and their families and caregivers information on the most common fraud schemes, including methods of reporting complaints either to the FTC's national toll-free telephone number or to the FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network, where complaints become immediately available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, state attorneys general, and other appropriate law enforcement agencies; (2) provide, in response to a specific request about a particular entity or individual, publicly available information regarding the FTC's enforcement action; and (3) maintain a website as a resource for information on fraud targeting seniors.

The FTC must establish procedures through such office to: (1) log and acknowledge the receipt of complaints by individuals who believe they have been a victim of such fraud in the Consumer Sentinel Network and to make such complaints immediately available to federal, state, and local law enforcement authorities; and (2) provide individuals with information on such fraud as well as the most common schemes.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 25, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **Jan 11, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.