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Seniors Fraud Prevention Act of 2017

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection. (Aug 11, 2017)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: MN • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 10, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jan 24, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 1, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 444	Identical bill	Jan 25, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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(Sec. 2) 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 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 on the most common schemes.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 2, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4715; text: CR S4715)
- **Aug 2, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4715; text: CR S4715)
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written report No. 115-141.
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 191.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.