

HR 1215

Fraud and Scam Reduction Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (May 24, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 23, 2021
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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 23, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 13, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Apr 13, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2471	Related bill	Mar 15, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-103.
117 S 337	Related bill	Feb 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 S 349	Related bill	Feb 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 HR 982	Related bill	Feb 12, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

Fraud and Scam Reduction Act

This bill expands activities to address mail, telephone, and internet fraud, particularly such scams targeting older adults.

The bill establishes a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Group, which must create model educational materials to educate employees of retailers, financial-services companies, and wire-transfer companies on how to identify and prevent scams that affect older adults.

Further, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) must establish an advisory office in the Bureau of Consumer Protection to assist the FTC in monitoring scams targeting older adults, educating consumers, and receiving complaints.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Apr 19, 2021:** Received in the Senate.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1825)
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 13 (Roll no. 104).(text: 04/14/2021 CR H1756-1757)
- **Apr 15, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 13 (Roll no. 104). (text: 04/14/2021 CR H1756-1757)
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1756-1758)
- **Apr 14, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1215.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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