

HR 4654

Social Media Fraud Mitigation Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes new criminal offenses for fraudulent activities involving communications through social media, email, or other electronic messages.

First, the bill makes it unlawful to post or send messages through a fake social media account or profile to cause or threaten to cause financial or physical harm to an individual. A violation is punishable by a fine, a maximum prison term of up to one year (or up to five years if the offense is a repeat offense), or both.

Second, the bill makes it unlawful to send a fraudulent email or other electronic message to deceive the recipient and cause or threaten to cause financial or physical harm to an individual. A violation is punishable by a fine, a prison term of up to one year (or up to six years if the offense is intended to solicit an emergency response), or both.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.