

HR 982

Seniors Fraud Prevention Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 12, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 1215 | Related bill | May 24, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |
| 117 S 349 | Identical bill | Feb 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

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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 preventing 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 about 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.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Feb 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
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