

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4987

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an increased maximum penalty for telemarketing fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2006

Mr. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Seniors Taking on
5 Phony Marketers Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR TELE-**
2 **MARKETING FRAUD TARGETING SENIORS.**

3 Section 2326 of title 18, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking “10 years” and inserting “15 years”.

5 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
7 year 2007 for the purposes of enforcing chapter 113A of
8 title 18, United States Code, and related matters—

9 (1) \$10,000,000 for the Postal Inspection Serv-
10 ice to hire, equip, and train no fewer than 50 postal
11 inspectors and support staff to investigate tele-
12 marketing fraud cases;

13 (2) \$3,500,000 to hire, equip, and train no
14 fewer than 30 Department of Justice attorneys, as-
15 sistant United States Attorneys, and support staff to
16 prosecute telemarketing fraud cases;

17 (3) \$5,000,000 for the Postal Inspection Serv-
18 ice to conduct, in cooperation with State and local
19 law enforcement agencies and senior citizen advocacy
20 organizations, public awareness and prevention ini-
21 tiatives for senior citizens, such as seminars and
22 training; and

23 (4) \$2,500,000 for the Federal Trade Commis-
24 sion to conduct public information awareness cam-
25 paigns and prevention initiatives for senior citizens

- 1 and to publicize available assistance such as 1877–
- 2 FTC–HELP.

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