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H. R. 7685

To require the Federal Trade Commission in consultation with the Internal Revenue Service to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2020

Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 “Protecting Seniors
5 from Scams Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FTC REPORT ON SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS DUR-**
2 **ING EMERGENCIES.**

3 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Federal Trade Commission (referred to
5 in this Act as the “Commission”) shall, in consultation
6 with the Internal Revenue Service (referred to in this Act
7 as the “IRS”), submit a report to Congress including—

8 (1) a description of the number and types of
9 scams identified by the Commission as being tar-
10 geted at senior citizens, including scams related to
11 economic stimulus and relief payments related to
12 COVID–19; and

13 (2) policy recommendations to prevent such
14 scams, especially as such scams relate to future na-
15 tional emergencies.

16 **SEC. 3. INCREASING AWARENESS OF SCAMS TARGETING**
17 **SENIORS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission and the
20 IRS shall each update their websites to include the latest
21 information, searchable by region and type of scam, on
22 scams targeting seniors, including contacts for relevant
23 law enforcement and adult protective service agencies.

24 (b) COORDINATION WITH MEDIA OUTLETS AND LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT.—The Commission shall work with media
26 outlets and law enforcement agencies to distribute the in-

- 1 formation included in the website of the Commission pur-
- 2 suant to subsection (a) to senior citizens and their families
- 3 and caregivers.

