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H. R. 2719

To provide for the issuance of a Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semipostal Stamp.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. BONAMICI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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 “Stamp Out Elder
5 Abuse Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. STAMP OUT ELDER ABUSE SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “elder justice” has the meaning
2 given that term in section 2011 of the Social Security
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j);

4 (2) the term “elder abuse” has the meaning
5 given that term in section 2 of the Elder Abuse Prevention
6 and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21701);

7 (3) the term “Postal Service” means the United
8 States Postal Service;

9 (4) the term “semipostal stamp” has the meaning
10 given the term “semipostal” in section 416(a)(1)
11 of title 39, United States Code; and

12 (5) the term “Stamp Out Elder Abuse
13 Semipostal Stamp” means the semipostal stamp
14 issued under subsection (b).

15 (b) ISSUANCE.—In order to afford a convenient way
16 for members of the public to contribute to raising awareness
17 of and combatting elder abuse and to funding for
18 elder justice activities, the Postal Service shall issue a
19 semipostal stamp in accordance with subsection (c).

20 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this
22 subsection, the issuance and sale of, and the determination
23 of amounts becoming available from the
24 sale of, the Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semipostal
25 Stamp shall be governed by section 416 of title 39,

1 United States Code, and regulations issued under
2 that section.

3 (2) DURATION.—The Postal Service shall make
4 available to the public the Stamp Out Elder Abuse
5 Semipostal Stamp for a period of not less than 2
6 years, beginning not later than 1 year after the date
7 of enactment of this Act.

8 (3) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

9 (A) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—Half of
10 the amounts becoming available from the sale
11 of the Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semipostal
12 Stamp shall be transferred to the Department
13 of Justice, to remain available until expended,
14 for the purposes of—

15 (i) prevention of and education re-
16 garding elder abuse;

17 (ii) investigation, prosecution, and liti-
18 gation expenses relating to elder abuse;

19 (iii) data collection regarding elder
20 abuse;

21 (iv) elder abuse victim services; and

22 (v) any other expense of the Depart-
23 ment of Justice relating to elder abuse.

24 (B) ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY
25 LIVING.—Half of the amounts becoming avail-

1 able from the sale of the Stamp Out Elder
2 Abuse Semipostal Stamp shall be transferred to
3 the Department of Health and Human Services,
4 to remain available until expended, for the pur-
5 poses of elder justice activities authorized under
6 subtitle B of title XX of the Social Security Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 1397j et seq.).

8 (C) ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSFERS.—

9 Transfers under this paragraph shall be made
10 to the Department of Justice and the Depart-
11 ment of Health and Human Services not less
12 frequently than 2 times a year and under such
13 other arrangements as the Postal Service shall
14 by mutual agreement with the applicable agency
15 establish in order to carry out the purposes of
16 this Act.

17 (D) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In

18 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of title 39,
19 United States Code, amounts becoming avail-
20 able from the sale of the Stamp Out Elder
21 Abuse Semipostal Stamp shall not be taken into
22 account in any decision relating to the level of
23 appropriations or other Federal funding to be
24 furnished in any year to the Department of

1 Justice or the Department of Health and
2 Human Services.

3 (4) LIMITATION.—The Stamp Out Elder Abuse
4 Semipostal Stamp shall not be subject to, or taken
5 into account for purposes of applying, any limitation
6 under section 416(e)(1)(C) of title 39, United States
7 Code.

8 (5) PROMOTION.—The Department of Justice
9 and the Department of Health and Human Services
10 may use Federal funds to promote the sale of the
11 Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semipostal Stamp, which
12 may include the preparation and dissemination of re-
13 ports, brochures, or other appropriate materials to
14 be made available to the public that describe elder
15 justice issues and the benefits of the sale of the
16 Stamp Out Elder Abuse Semipostal Stamp.

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