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# H. R. 8023

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2024

Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself and Mr. BALDERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 Emergency Scams Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FTC REPORTING ON SCAMS DISPROPORTIONATELY**  
2 **IMPACTING SENIORS DURING EMERGENCIES.**

3 The Chair of the Commission shall include in each  
4 report required to be submitted by the Chair under section  
5 101(c)(2) of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution  
6 Act (34 U.S.C. 21711(c)(2)) after the date of the enact-  
7 ment of this Act, with respect to the period covered by  
8 the report, the following:

9 (1) A description of the number and types of  
10 scams identified by the Commission as dispropor-  
11 tionately impacting seniors during emergencies.

12 (2) A description of policy efforts and rec-  
13 ommendations of the Commission to prevent such  
14 scams, especially as such scams relate to future na-  
15 tional emergencies.

16 (3) A description of enforcement actions taken  
17 by the Commission with respect to such scams.

18 **SEC. 3. INCREASING AWARENESS OF SCAMS DISPROPOR-**  
19 **TIONATELY IMPACTING SENIORS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the  
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall  
22 update its web portal to include the latest information,  
23 searchable by region and type of scam, on scams dis-  
24 proportionately impacting seniors, including information  
25 directing consumers where to report scams disproportion-  
26 ately impacting seniors.

1 (b) COORDINATION WITH MEDIA OUTLETS AND LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT.—The Commission shall work with media  
3 outlets and law enforcement to distribute the information  
4 included in the web portal of the Commission pursuant  
5 to subsection (a) to seniors and their families and care-  
6 givers.

7 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
10 means the Federal Trade Commission.

11 (2) SENIOR.—The term “senior” has the mean-  
12 ing given the term “elder” in section 2 of the Elder  
13 Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C.  
14 21701).

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