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H. R. 446

To require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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”.

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

8 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Federal Trade Commission (referred to

1 in this Act as the “Commission”) shall submit a report
2 to Congress including—

3 (1) a description of the number and types of
4 scams identified by the Commission as being tar-
5 geted at senior citizens; and

6 (2) policy recommendations to prevent such
7 scams, especially as such scams relate to future na-
8 tional emergencies.

9 **SEC. 3. INCREASING AWARENESS OF SCAMS TARGETING**
10 **SENIORS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall up-
13 date its web portal to include the latest information,
14 searchable by region and type of scam, on scams targeting
15 seniors, including contacts for relevant law enforcement
16 and adult protective service agencies.

17 (b) COORDINATION WITH MEDIA OUTLETS AND LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT.—The Commission shall work with media
19 outlets and law enforcement to distribute the information
20 included in the web portal of the Commission pursuant
21 to subsection (a) to senior citizens and their families and
22 caregivers.

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