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H. R. 5098

To amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to require an annual plan and a report on elder fraud, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2016

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. HARPER, Mr. LANCE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. McCAUL) 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 “FTC Robust Elderly
5 Protections and Organizational Requirements to Track
6 Scams Act” or the “FTC REPORTS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL PLAN REQUIRED.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT.—The Federal Trade Commission
3 Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) is amended by inserting after
4 section 26 the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 27. ANNUAL PLAN REQUIRED.**

6 “Not later than December 1 of each year, the Com-
7 mission shall publish and submit to the Committees on
8 the Judiciary and Commerce, Science, and Transportation
9 of the Senate and the Committees on the Judiciary and
10 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
11 a plan for the next calendar year describing the projected
12 activities of the Commission, including each of the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(1) The policy priorities of the Commission.

15 “(2) Any rulemakings projected to be com-
16 menced.

17 “(3) Any plans to develop guidelines or other
18 non-regulatory guidance documents.

19 “(4) Any plans to restructure the Commission
20 or establish or alter working groups.

21 “(5) Any planned projects or initiatives of the
22 Commission, including workshops, conferences, and
23 reports.

24 “(6) With respect to any activities of the Com-
25 mission, including workshops, conferences, reports,
26 working groups, guidance documents, or rulemak-

1 ings that relate specifically to combating fraud
2 against individuals who are 65 years of age or older,
3 a description of how such activities will address such
4 fraud.

5 “(7) Projected dates and timelines associated
6 with any of the required disclosures in this section.

7 **“SEC. 28. REPORT ON ELDER FRAUD REQUIRED.**

8 “Not later than January 31 of each year, the Com-
9 mission shall publish and submit to the Committee on
10 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and
11 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
12 of Representatives a report on the Commission’s enforce-
13 ment actions involving allegations of fraud targeting indi-
14 viduals who are 65 years of age or older during the pre-
15 vious calendar year, including each of the following:

16 “(1) A brief description of each enforcement ac-
17 tion by the Commission involving allegations of
18 fraud against such individuals.

19 “(2) The disposition of enforcement actions in-
20 volving allegations of fraud against such individuals,
21 broken down by category.

22 “(3) The proportion of enforcement actions in-
23 volving allegations of fraud against such individuals
24 as a percentage of all enforcement actions relating

1 to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affect-
2 ing commerce brought by the Commission.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—The amend-
4 ment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date
5 of enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to
6 the first December 1 and January 31, as applicable, occur-
7 ring after such effective date.

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