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# H. R. 2672

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS 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 “FTC Robust Elderly  
5 Protections and Organizational Requirements to Track  
6 Scams Act” or the “FTC REPORTS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL PLAN AND REPORT ON ELDER FRAUD RE-**  
2 **QUIRED.**

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

6 **“SEC. 29. ANNUAL PLAN REQUIRED.**

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

15 “(1) The policy priorities of the Commission  
16 and any changes to the previous policy priorities of  
17 the Commission.

18 “(2) Any rulemaking proceedings projected to  
19 be commenced, including any such proceedings to  
20 amend or repeal a rule.

21 “(3) Any plans to develop, update, or withdraw  
22 guidelines or other non-regulatory guidance docu-  
23 ments.

24 “(4) Any plans to restructure the Commission  
25 or establish, alter, or terminate working groups.

1           “(5) Any planned projects or initiatives of the  
2           Commission, including workshops, conferences, and  
3           reports, and any proposed withdrawals of or changes  
4           to projects or initiatives of the Commission.

5           “(6) With respect to any activities, or changes  
6           to activities, of the Commission (including work-  
7           shops, conferences, reports, working groups, guid-  
8           ance documents, and rulemaking proceedings) that  
9           relate specifically to combating fraud against indi-  
10          viduals who are 65 years of age or older, a descrip-  
11          tion of how such activities or changes will address  
12          such fraud.

13          “(7) Projected dates and timelines, or changes  
14          to projected dates and timelines, associated with any  
15          of the required disclosures in this section.

16 **“SEC. 30. REPORT ON ELDER FRAUD REQUIRED.**

17          “Not later than January 31 of each year, the Com-  
18          mission shall publish and submit to the Committee on  
19          Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and  
20          the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House  
21          of Representatives a report on the Commission’s enforce-  
22          ment actions involving allegations of fraud targeting indi-  
23          viduals who are 65 years of age or older during the pre-  
24          vious calendar year, including each of the following:

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

4           “(2) The disposition of enforcement actions in-  
5           volving allegations of fraud against such individuals,  
6           broken down by category.

7           “(3) The proportion of enforcement actions in-  
8           volving allegations of fraud against such individuals  
9           as a percentage of all enforcement actions relating  
10          to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affect-  
11          ing commerce brought by the Commission.”.

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

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