

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 218

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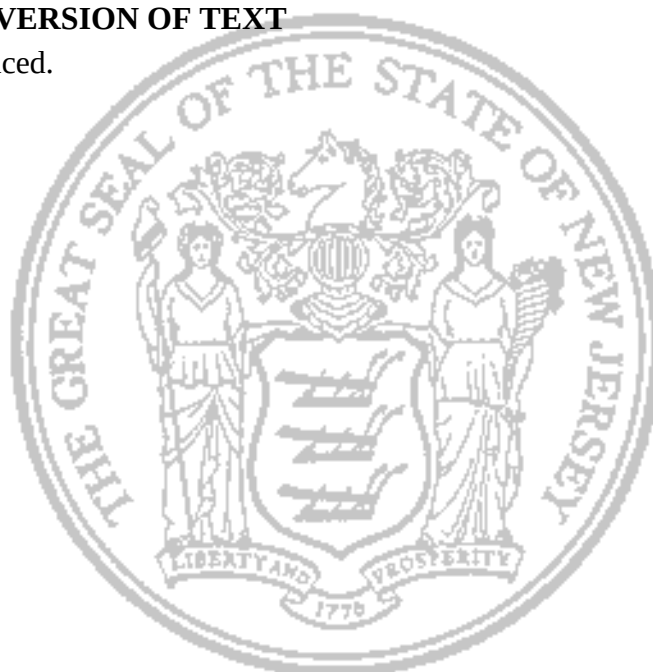
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SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress to fully fund programs and activities under federal Elder Justice Act.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/22/2021)

- 1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** respectfully urging Congress to fully
2 fund programs and activities under the federal Elder Justice Act.
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the federal Elder Justice Act was enacted in 2010 as part of
5 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148; and
6 **WHEREAS**, The enactment was the first time a federal law authorized a
7 specific source of federal funds to address elder abuse, neglect, and
8 exploitation; and
9 **WHEREAS**, Among other provisions, the Elder Justice Act authorizes
10 grants to support improvements to state adult protective services
11 and long-term care ombudsman programs;
12 **WHEREAS**, The act authorizes grants for federal and state survey
13 agencies for long-term care facilities; and
14 **WHEREAS**, The Elder Justice Act also authorizes grants for forensic
15 centers to develop expertise on the issues of elder abuse, neglect,
16 and exploitation; and
17 **WHEREAS**, The act established an Advisory Board on Elder Abuse,
18 Neglect and Exploitation to create a multi-disciplinary plan for
19 developing the field of elder justice; and
20 **WHEREAS**, In addition, the Elder Justice Act requires abuses in long-
21 term care facilities to be immediately reported to law enforcement;
22 and
23 **WHEREAS**, Despite the intent of the Elder Justice Act to fight elder
24 abuse, neglect, and exploitation, Congress has failed to fully fund
25 the act's authorized programs and activities; and
26 **WHEREAS**, According to a June 15, 2020 report by the Congressional
27 Research Service, the authorizations of appropriations for most
28 Elder Justice Act activities expired in September 2014, and most
29 programs and activities authorized under the act have either not
30 received funding since enactment, or have not received funding at
31 their previously authorized levels; now, therefore,
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- 33 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
34 *Jersey:*
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- 36 1. This House respectfully urges the United States Congress to
37 fully appropriate funds authorized under the Elder Justice Act for
38 all of the act's activities and programs.
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- 40 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, as filed with the
41 Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General
42 Assembly to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States
43 Senate, the Speaker and Majority and Minority Leaders of the
44 United States House of Representatives, and each member of the
45 United States Congress elected from this State.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This resolution urges Congress to fully fund programs and
4 activities under the federal Elder Justice Act. The act, which was
5 enacted in 2010 as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable
6 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, was the first time a federal law authorized a
7 specific source of federal funds to address elder abuse, neglect, and
8 exploitation. Among other provisions, the Elder Justice Act
9 authorizes grants to support improvements to state adult protective
10 services and long-term care ombudsman programs; authorizes
11 grants for federal and state survey agencies for long-term care
12 facilities and
13 for forensic centers to develop expertise on the issues of elder
14 abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The Elder Justice Act also
15 established an Advisory Board on Elder Abuse, Neglect and
16 Exploitation to create a multi-disciplinary plan for developing the
17 field of elder justice, and
18 requires abuses in long-term care facilities to be immediately
19 reported to law enforcement.

20 Despite the intent of the Elder Justice Act to fight elder abuse,
21 neglect, and exploitation, Congress has failed to fully fund the act's
22 authorized programs and activities. According to a June 15, 2020
23 report by the Congressional Research Service, the authorizations of
24 appropriations for most Elder Justice Act activities expired in
25 September 2014, and most programs and activities authorized under
26 the act have either not received funding since enactment, or have
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