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# H. R. 6813

To amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act to improve the prevention of elder abuse and exploitation of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act to improve the prevention of elder abuse and exploitation of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

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 “Promoting Alzheimer’s  
5 Awareness to Prevent Elder Abuse Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDRESSING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN BEST PRACTICES.**  
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3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(b) of the Elder Abuse  
4 Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21711(b)) is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),  
7 and (C) of paragraph (2) as clauses (i), (ii), and  
8 (iii), respectively, and adjusting the margin accord-  
9 ingly;

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and  
11 (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively,  
12 and adjusting the margin accordingly;

13 (3) by striking “Not later than” and inserting  
14 the following:

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than”;

16 (4) in paragraph (1)(B), as so redesignated—

17 (A) in clause (ii), by inserting “, including  
18 witnesses who have Alzheimer’s disease and re-  
19 lated dementias” after “other legal issues”; and

20 (B) in clause (iii), by striking “elder abuse  
21 cases,” and inserting “elder abuse cases (in-  
22 cluding victims and witnesses who have Alz-  
23 heimer’s disease and related dementias),”; and

24 (5) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(2) TRAINING MATERIALS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In creating or com-  
2           piling replication guides and training materials  
3           under paragraph (1)(B), the Elder Justice Co-  
4           ordinator shall consult with the Secretary of  
5           Health and Human Services, State, local, and  
6           Tribal adult protective services, aging, social,  
7           and human services agencies, Federal, State,  
8           local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies, and  
9           nationally recognized nonprofit associations  
10          with relevant expertise, as appropriate.

11          “(B) UPDATING.—The Elder Justice Coor-  
12          dinator shall—

13                 “(i) review the best practices identi-  
14                 fied and replication guides and training  
15                 materials created or compiled under para-  
16                 graph (1)(B) to determine if the replica-  
17                 tion guides or training materials require  
18                 updating; and

19                 “(ii) perform any necessary updating  
20                 of the replication guides or training mate-  
21                 rials.”.

22          (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
23          section (a) shall—

24                 (1) take effect on the date of enactment of this  
25          Act; and

1           (2) apply on and after the date that is 1 year  
2           after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON OUTREACH.**

4           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 101(c)(2) of the Elder  
5 Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C.  
6 21711(c)(2)) is amended—

7           (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through  
8           (D) as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively, and ad-  
9           justing the margin accordingly;

10           (2) by striking “a report detailing” and insert-  
11           ing the following: “a report—

12                       “(A) detailing”; and

13           (3) by adding at the end the following:

14                       “(B) with respect to the report by the At-  
15           torney General, including a link to the publicly  
16           available best practices identified under sub-  
17           section (b)(1)(B) and the replication guides and  
18           training materials created or compiled under  
19           such subsection.”.

20           (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by sub-  
21           section (a) shall apply with respect to the report under  
22           section 101(c)(2) of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Pros-  
23           ecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21711(c)(2)) submitted during the

- 1 second year beginning after the date of enactment of this
- 2 Act, and each year thereafter.

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