

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 104**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 1, 1997

**By Senators CONNORS, KOSCO and Bassano**

1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** memorializing the Congress and President of the  
2 United States to enact the federal "Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of  
3 1997."  
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5 **WHEREAS,** Fraudulent telemarketers prey upon persons of all ages,  
6 financial and educational levels, and bilk American consumers out of  
7 approximately \$40 billion a year; and

8 **WHEREAS,** These criminals devise fake charities and fundraising  
9 organizations, phony clearinghouses and real estate scams ~~and~~ d u c e  
10 individuals to send thousands of dollars, and in some instances their  
11 lifetime savings; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Seniors are increasingly targeted by fraudulent telemarketing  
13 schemes because they are often trusting of the friendly but cunning sales  
14 pitches of illegitimate telemarketers; and

15 **WHEREAS,** The "Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of 1997," now  
16 pending before Congress as H.R. 1847, strikes back at telemarketing  
17 criminals by forcing them to forfeit all real or personal property used or  
18 gained from telemarketing fraud; and

19 **WHEREAS,** H.R. 1847 also directs the United States Sentencing  
20 Commission to review and amend the federal sentencing guidelines to  
21 provide for more severe penalties against those who commit telemarketing  
22 fraud, especially those individuals who target seniors; and

23 **WHEREAS,** It is altogether fitting and proper and in the public interest for  
24 this House to call upon the Congress and President of the United States to  
25 enact the federal "Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of 1997"; now,  
26 therefore,  
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28 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*  
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30 1. The Congress and President of the United States are respectfully  
31 memorialized to enact the federal "Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of  
32 1997."  
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34 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President  
35 of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the

1 President and Vice-President of the United States, the Majority Leader and  
2 the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
3 States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and the Minority  
4 Leader of the United States House of Representatives and every member of  
5 Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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10 This resolution memorializes the Congress and President of the United  
11 States to enact the "Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of 1997," now  
12 pending before Congress as H.R. 1847. Telemarketing fraud is a crime that  
13 affects all persons and costs Americans approximately \$40 billion annually.  
14 While the crime is pervasive, illegitimate telemarketers are increasingly  
15 targeting seniors because they are often trusting and live alone. The  
16 "Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of 1997" cracks down on illegitimate  
17 telemarketers by directing courts to confiscate the money or assets the  
18 illegitimate telemarketers obtained through bilking consumers. In addition, the  
19 bill directs the United States Sentencing Commission to increase the penalties  
20 for telemarketing fraud, especially those schemes that target seniors.

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26 Memorializes the Congress and President to enact the federal "Telemarketing  
Fraud Prevention Act of 1997."