

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3494

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the doubling of the imprisonment penalty for crimes committed against the elderly.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 10, 1993

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Let’s Protect Our Sen-  
5 iors Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR CRIMES AGAINST**  
7 **ELDERLY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter D of chapter 227 of  
9 title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
10 end the following:

1 **“§ 3587. Special rule for crimes against the elderly**

2 “If a victim of an offense for which imprisonment  
3 may be imposed is an individual who has attained the age  
4 of 65 years, the maximum term of imprisonment that may  
5 be imposed for that offense is double the amount estab-  
6 lished by law without regard to this section.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
8 at the beginning of subchapter D of chapter 227 of title  
9 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
10 the following new item:

“3587. Special rule for crimes against the elderly.”.

11 (c) DIRECTIONS TO SENTENCING COMMISSION.—The  
12 United States Sentencing Commission shall amend the  
13 sentencing guidelines as necessary to provide that the  
14 length of imprisonment imposed for an offense against an  
15 individual who has attained the age of 65 years is double  
16 the length of imprisonment which would be imposed for  
17 the same offense if committed against an individual who  
18 has not attained the age of 65 years.

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