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Committee: Criminal Justice

RESOLUTION
Prevention of Abuse & Exploitation of Seniors

A RESOLUTION To protect Elderly from abuse & exploitation.

WHEREAS, Elderly Texans experienced abuse & exploitation as follows:

* 2001	40,560	1998	37,277
* 2000	33,978	1997	38,426
* 1999	35,291	1996	39,668

Source: Validated cases by Adult Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, These elderly, disabled, and frail individuals are unable to withstand the undue pressures exerted upon them; and

WHEREAS, HB 1883 [Thompson] enacted during the 77th session was a step in the right direction to protect senior Texans assets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we encourage the 78th session to reinstate those important provisions which were deleted from HB 1883 last session and further to impose harsher penalties on those persons who abuse & exploit senior Texans age 60 and over.

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 16, 2002, by The Criminal Justice Committee.

William Zermeno, Vice Chairman

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 17, 2002, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Jean McCloud, Secretary