

Senate Bill 2390

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Chairman LaMountain and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Way too many frauds are perpetrated on older adults. Using gift cards a vehicle to scam my peers is a serious issue.

I urge you to support Senate Bill # 2390 making scammers using gift cards subject to penalties for larceny.

Gift cards are often used as payment in fraudulent acts.

Over \$217 million losses In 2023 attributable to gift cards misuse, per the FTC. Such scams as:

- Social Security fraud,
- IRS fraud,
- Grandparent fraud,
- Sweepstakes fraud and more.

With your support, perhaps there will be fewer means for scammers to succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

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