

HR 5785

Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act

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Related Bills

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109 HR 5556	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2006:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act - Establishes: (1) a voluntary National Alert System to provide a public communications system capable of alerting the public to emergency situations on a national, regional, or local basis; and (2) the National Alert Office within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to administer, operate, and manage the System.

Sets forth System functions and capabilities, including: (1) enabling federal, state, tribal, or local government officials with credentials issued by the Office to alert the public to imminent threats that present a significant risk of injury or death; and (2) incorporating multiple communications technologies without interfering with existing alerts or communications systems employed by emergency response personnel. Requires the System to operate consistent with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) All-Hazards Radio System.

Requires the Office to establish a process for issuing credentials to enable officials responsible for issuing safety warnings to access the System.

Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to initiate proceedings to: (1) allow licensees providing commercial mobile service to elect to transmit System alerts to subscribers; and (2) require public broadcast television licensees to install necessary equipment to enable transmitters to receive and retransmit System alerts.

Requires the Director of the Office to establish a National Alert System Working Group to develop recommendations for protocols, procedures, guidelines, and standards and to coordinate with the operators of nuclear power plants and other critical infrastructure facilities to integrate emergency alert systems.

## **Actions Timeline**

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