

## HR 560

Safe Prisons Communications Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 16, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 251	Identical bill	<b>Oct 19, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Jan 15, 2009)

Safe Prisons Communications Act of 2009 - Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize the director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons or the chief executive officer of a state to petition the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to permit the installation of devices to prevent, jam, or interfere with wireless communications within the geographic boundaries of a specific prison, penitentiary, or correctional facility under his or her jurisdiction.

Requires that the device be operated on a directional basis, using all other interference-limiting capabilities available to the device, or otherwise so that the device does not interfere with wireless communications that originate and terminate outside the area of the prison, penitentiary, or correctional facility.

Requires the FCC to adopt a final rule establishing criteria for certification for the manufacture, sale, importation, and interstate shipment of such devices.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary