

## HR 365

National Blue Alert Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Nov 29, 2011
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Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jan 23, 2012
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Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	R · CA		Apr 26, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 19, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 657	Identical bill	<b>Sep 8, 2011:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 160.

National Blue Alert Act of 2012 - Directs the Attorney General to: (1) establish a national Blue Alert communications network within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, in coordination with federal, state, and local Blue Alert plans; and (2) assign an existing DOJ officer to act as the national coordinator of the Blue Alert communications network.

Sets forth the duties of the national coordinator, including: (1) providing assistance to states and local governments that are using Blue Alert plans; (2) establishing voluntary guidelines for states and local governments to use in developing such plans; (3) developing protocols for efforts to apprehend suspects; (4) working with states to ensure appropriate regional coordination of various elements of the network; (5) establishing an advisory group to assist states, local governments, law enforcement agencies, and other entities in initiating, facilitating, and promoting Blue Alert plans; (6) acting as the nationwide point of contact for the development of the network and the regional coordination of Blue Alerts through the network; and (7) determining what procedures and practices are in use for notifying law enforcement and the public when a law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured in the line of duty and which of the procedures and practices are effective and that do not require the expenditure of additional resources to implement.

Requires the guidelines to: (1) provide that appropriate information relating to a Blue Alert is disseminated to officials of law enforcement, public health, and other agencies; and (2) provide mechanisms that ensure that Blue Alerts comply with all applicable federal, state, and local privacy laws and regulations and include standards that specifically provide for the protection of the civil liberties of law enforcement officers and their families.

Directs the coordinator to annually submit a report on the coordinator's activities and the effectiveness and status of the Blue Alert plans that are in effect or being developed.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 16, 2012:** Received in the Senate.
- **May 15, 2012:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 15, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2673-2676)
- **May 15, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 365.
- **May 15, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 15, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2693-2694)
- **May 15, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 394 - 1 (Roll no. 250).(text: CR H2673-2674)
- **May 15, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 394 - 1 (Roll no. 250). (text: CR H2673-2674)
- **May 15, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 11, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-478.
- **May 11, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 334.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 19, 2012:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Discharged.
- **Feb 7, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 20, 2011:** Introduced in House
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