

HR 3654

ALERT ACT

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Dec 16, 2011)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 16, 2011
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Apr 3, 2012
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 14, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Allowing Local Emergency Response Technicians to Accept Cellular Texts Act or the ALERT ACT - Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to complete a rulemaking requiring that if a consumer unsuccessfully attempts to communicate with a public safety answering point by sending a text message to 9-1-1 using a commercial mobile service, the provider of such service will respond with an error message to ensure that the consumer knows that the message has not been received by the answering point and to instruct the consumer on proper steps to reach emergency assistance.

Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that at least 10% of the federal funds awarded after enactment of this Act for emergency management performance grants authorized by the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 be used to test or implement equipment or services allowing members of the public to send 9-1-1 text messages to obtain emergency assistance.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Dec 14, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 13, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.