

HR 180

National Blue Alert Act of 2013

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jan 4, 2013
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Jan 4, 2013
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Jan 4, 2013
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Feb 13, 2013
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Feb 27, 2013
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 4, 2013
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Mar 14, 2013
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Mar 15, 2013
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Apr 10, 2013
Rep. Maffei, Daniel B. [D-NY-24]	D · NY		Apr 25, 2013
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 25, 2013
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Apr 26, 2013
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		May 6, 2013
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 6, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	May 6, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 357	Identical bill	Sep 19, 2013: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 194.

Summary (as of May 14, 2013)

National Blue Alert Act of 2013 - 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 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.

Prohibits the coordinator from: (1) performing any official travel for the sole purpose of carrying out the duties of the coordinator, (2) lobbying any officer of a state regarding the funding or implementation of a Blue Alert plan, or (3) hosting a conference focused solely on the Blue Alert program that requires the expenditure of federal funds.

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.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2013:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 284.
- **May 15, 2013:** Received in the Senate.
- **May 14, 2013:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 113-54.
- **May 14, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 32.
- **May 14, 2013:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 14, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2579-2582)
- **May 14, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 180.
- **May 14, 2013:** 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 14, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2586-2587)
- **May 14, 2013:** 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): 406 - 2 (Roll no. 144). (text: CR H2579-2580)
- **May 14, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 406 - 2 (Roll no. 144). (text: CR H2579-2580)
- **May 14, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 7, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 7, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 6, 2013:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Discharged.
- **Jan 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.
- **Jan 4, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.