

HR 3871

Stingray Privacy Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill prohibits the use of cell-site simulators by law enforcement agencies. Cell-site simulators are surveillance devices designed to capture data from cell phones.

Law enforcement agencies must obtain warrants for the use of cell-site simulators. However, agencies are permitted to use the devices without a warrant under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act or in emergency situations. Evidence obtained from a cell-site simulator unlawfully cannot be used in any legal or official proceeding.

Use of a cell-site simulator outside the scope of this bill is punishable by a fine and/or up to 10 years in prison.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 4, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Nov 2, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 2, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.