

## HR 4167

Kari's Law Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Dec 3, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (May 24, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4167>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Dec 3, 2015
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Dec 3, 2015
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Dec 3, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Dec 3, 2015
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Jan 11, 2016
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Feb 2, 2016
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Feb 23, 2016
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Feb 25, 2016
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Mar 2, 2016
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 2, 2016
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Mar 2, 2016
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Mar 2, 2016
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Mar 17, 2016
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Mar 22, 2016
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		May 10, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2016
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 19, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 253	Related bill	Sep 28, 2016: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.
114 S 2644	Related bill	Sep 20, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 637.
114 S 2553	Related bill	Feb 11, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## Kari's Law Act of 2016

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit businesses from manufacturing or importing for use in the United States, or selling or leasing in the United States, a multi-line telephone system unless it is pre-configured to allow users to directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 (without dialing any additional digit, code, prefix, or post-fix, including any trunk-access code such as the digit "9") from any station equipped with dialing facilities.

Businesses are prohibited from installing, managing, or operating multi-line telephone systems without such a direct 9-1-1 call configuration.

Businesses installing, managing, or operating such systems for use in the United States must configure the systems to provide a notification to a central location at the facility where the system is installed, or to another person or organization regardless of location, if the system is able to be so configured without an improvement to the hardware or software.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 24, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **May 23, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-579.
- **May 23, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 449.
- **May 23, 2016:** Mr. Walden moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 23, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2888-2889)
- **May 23, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4167.
- **May 23, 2016:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Sarbanes objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **May 23, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2930-2931)
- **May 23, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2888)
- **May 23, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2888)
- **May 23, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2016:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 28, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 27, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 26, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 19, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 19, 2016:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 18, 2016:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 4, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Dec 3, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 3, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H9006-9009)
- **Dec 3, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.