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Kari's Law Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Jan 12, 2017

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Aug 4, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/123>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 12, 2017
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 12, 2017
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jan 12, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 12, 2017
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 12, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 10, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 582	Related bill	<b>Feb 16, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-127.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on May 11, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Kari's Law Act of 2017**

(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 multiline 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 multiline 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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- **Aug 4, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4818-4819; text: CR S4818-4819)
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4818-4819; text: CR S4818-4819)
- **Jul 10, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written report No. 115-124.
- **Jul 10, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 164.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.