

## HR 240

### Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Jan 4, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governm

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Jan 11, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/240>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jan 4, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jan 4, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 11, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 4, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2017**

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) engage with innovative and emerging technology developers and firms, including technology-based small businesses and startup ventures, to address homeland security needs; and (2) develop, submit to Congress, and implement a DHS-wide strategy to proactively engage with such developers and firms that focuses on sustainable methods and guidance to build relationships to establish, develop, and enhance DHS capabilities to address such needs.

DHS may establish personnel and office space in areas in the United States with high concentrations of such developers and firms, co-located with other assets of DHS or other federal facilities, where possible.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 11, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Mr. Ratcliffe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H277-279)
- **Jan 10, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 240.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H277)
- **Jan 10, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H277)
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

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