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READI Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jul 18, 2018

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 19, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] | R · SD | | Jul 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] | R · MS | | Nov 27, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Dec 18, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 HR 6427 | Identical bill | Jul 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. |

Reliable Emergency Alert Distribution Improvement Act of 2018 or READI Act

This bill amends the Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act to include emergency alerts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a type of alert that subscribers of commercial mobile service licensees may not block from their devices (currently, alerts from the President may not be blocked).

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must adopt regulations that encourage states to establish a State Emergency Communications Commission (SECC) and provide that each SECC meets at least annually to review and update its Emergency Alert System Plan (State EAS Plan). The FCC must approve or disapprove the updated plan.

FEMA shall develop and issue guidance for state, tribal, and local governments relating to emergency alerts.

The FCC shall complete: (1) a rulemaking proceeding to establish a system to receive from FEMA or state, tribal, or local governments reports of false alerts under the emergency alert system (EAS) or the Wireless EAS to record such false alerts and examine their causes; (2) a rulemaking proceeding to modify the EAS to provide for repeating messages while an alert remains pending; and (3) an inquiry to examine the feasibility of establishing systems and signaling to offer EAS alerts to audio and video streaming services delivered over the Internet.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 19, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 18, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7734-7735)
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 18, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 18, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.