

HR 582

Kari's Law Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (29 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jan 17, 2017
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Jan 23, 2017
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Jan 23, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 5, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 17, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4986	Related bill	Mar 7, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
115 S 123	Related bill	Aug 4, 2017: Held at the desk.

Summary (as of Feb 16, 2018)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on February 5, 2018. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(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

- **Feb 16, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 16, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-127.
- **Feb 9, 2018:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote.(text of Senate amendment: CR 2/8/2018 H992)
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- **Feb 9, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 9, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 8, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 8, 2018:** Mr. Lance moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H992-994)
- **Feb 8, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the Senate amendment to H.R. 582.
- **Feb 8, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Lance 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.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S615; text: CR S615)
- **Feb 5, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Jan 24, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Mr. Lance moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H588-590)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 582.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H592)
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 0 (Roll no. 61).(text: CR H588)
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- **Jan 23, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 17, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.