

HR 1289

PHONE Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Feb 14, 2019

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. (Sep 30, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (36 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 18, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Mar 18, 2019
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Apr 12, 2019
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Apr 18, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Apr 18, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 1, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		May 7, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		May 7, 2019
Rep. Cunningham, Joe [D-SC-1]	D · SC		May 9, 2019
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jun 5, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jul 12, 2019
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2019
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Aug 14, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 30, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 10, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 29, 2020)

Preserving Home and Office Numbers in Emergencies Act of 2020 or the PHONE Act of 2020

This bill restricts the reassignment of a telephone number assigned to a subscriber for the provision of fixed wireline voice service.

Specifically, for up to one year after a major disaster has been declared, such number may not be reassigned except at the request of the subscriber. Further, a subscriber may cancel service without a cancellation fee and resubscribe with the same number and no fee if the subscriber is located in a disaster area and the residence where the number is located is inaccessible or uninhabitable.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-541.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 441.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4971-4973)
- **Sep 29, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1289.
- **Sep 29, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
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- **Sep 29, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 9, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 10, 2020:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Feb 27, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
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