

## HR 156

Anti-Swatting Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Mar 4, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

#### Anti-Swatting Act of 2019

This bill increases penalties for the transmission of misleading or inaccurate caller-identification information with the intent to trigger an emergency response by (1) a government law-enforcement agency; (2) a government agency or nonprofit organization that provides fire, rescue, or emergency medical services; or (3) a public-safety answering point (i.e., a facility that has been designated to receive emergency calls and route them to emergency service personnel). Specifically, the bill provides for imprisonment, the imposition of additional criminal fines, or both.

The court shall order a defendant who has been convicted of such an offense to reimburse any such entity for expenses incurred in responding to such conduct. The bill treats such an order of reimbursement as a civil judgment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 4, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.