

HR 4170

ENCRYPT Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Sep 25, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Aug 6, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 7, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Ensuring National Constitutional Rights for Your Private Telecommunications Act of 2019 or the ENCRYPT Act of 2019

This bill prohibits a state from requiring a manufacturer, developer, seller, or provider of a technology product or service to (1) alter the security functions of its product or service to allow a government agency to conduct a physical search or user surveillance, or (2) use its product or service to decrypt encrypted information.

A technology product or service includes a commercial computer product, electronic device, or online service that is publicly available.

Additionally, it bars a state from prohibiting the manufacture, sale or lease, or provision of a technology product or service because it uses encryption or similar security functions.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Aug 7, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Aug 6, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 6, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.