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HR 639

To amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees.

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

Introduced: Jan 17, 2019

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 116-48.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 116-48. (Aug 22, 2019)

Law: 116-48 (Enacted Aug 22, 2019)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/639

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]

Party: Republican • State: MO • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------------|
| Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11] | D · VA | | Feb 6, 2019 |
| Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3] | $R \cdot MO$ | | Mar 7, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Jul 31, 2019 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Discharged from | Feb 27, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 S 1521 | Identical bill | Jul 22, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 159. |

Summary (as of Aug 22, 2019)

This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to specify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include federal employees.

Actions Timeline

- Aug 22, 2019: Signed by President.
- Aug 22, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-48.
- Aug 13, 2019: Presented to President.
- Jul 31, 2019: Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5216)
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- Jul 31, 2019: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- Jul 31, 2019: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- Jul 31, 2019: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Apr 9, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- Apr 8, 2019: Mrs. Craig moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Apr 8, 2019: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3111-3112)
- Apr 8, 2019: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 639.
- Apr 8, 2019: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3111)
- Apr 8, 2019: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3111)
- Apr 8, 2019: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Apr 2, 2019: Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 116-29.
- Apr 2, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 14.
- Feb 27, 2019: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged.
- Feb 27, 2019: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Feb 27, 2019: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- Feb 7, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- Jan 17, 2019: Introduced in House
- Jan 17, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.