

HR 6897

Local News and Emergency Information Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

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Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 22, 2020
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 27, 2020
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Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2020
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Aug 7, 2020
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Sep 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	May 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3718	Identical bill	May 13, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Summary (as of May 15, 2020)

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This bill expands the Paycheck Protection Program, established to support small businesses in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), to include certain newspaper publishers, radio stations, and television broadcasters.

Specifically, such a media purveyor is eligible to receive a paycheck protection loan if (1) the individual physical location that applies for the loan does not exceed Small Business Administration size standards (up to 1,000 employees for newspaper publishers and \$41.5 million in gross receipts for radio and television broadcasters); and (2) the proceeds of the loan are used to support the continued provision of local news, information, content, or emergency information. Such a recipient may not remit any portion of a paycheck protection loan to any entity other than the individual physical location that is the loan's intended recipient.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2020:** Introduced in House
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