

HR 1250

Emergency Reporting Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jul 19, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 21, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 535	Related bill	Jul 20, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 390	Identical bill	Feb 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Emergency Reporting Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to report on certain activations of the Disaster Information Reporting System (the system through which communications providers report their operational status during times of crisis) and to adopt specified rules related to network outage reporting.

If the system was activated for at least seven days, the FCC must issue a preliminary report that includes (1) the number and duration of any service outages, (2) the approximate number of users or the amount of infrastructure potentially affected by a service outage, and (3) the number and duration of any outages at public safety answering points (PSAPs) that prevent the PSAPs from receiving and routing emergency calls to emergency service personnel. The FCC must also hold at least one public field hearing in the area affected by the event, and it must issue a final report that includes recommendations on how to improve the resiliency of affected communications or networks recovery efforts.

The FCC must also determine the circumstances under which it shall require certain service providers to notify a PSAP of a communications service disruption that prevents the origination of 9–1–1 calls or the delivery of information that allows the PSAP to identify the number of or locate a 9–1–1 caller. Further, the FCC must require this notification to be made and specify the appropriate timing of the notification.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 21, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 535, proceedings on H.R. 1250 are considered vacated.
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 7 of H. Res. 535, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 678; H.R. 1036; H.R. 1079, as amended; H.R. 1158; H.R. 1250; H.R. 1754; H.R. 1833, as amended; H.R. 1850; H.R. 1871; H.R. 1877, as amended; H.R. 1893; H.R. 1895; H.R. 2118; H.R. 2795, as amended; H.R. 2928; H.R. 2980, as amended; H.R. 3003; H.R. 3138, as amended; H.R. 3223; H.R. 3263; and H.R. 3264; and the following resolutions were agreed to under suspension of the rules: H. Res. 277; and H. Res. 294.(consideration: CR H3715-3730; text: CR H3717-3718)
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- **Jul 19, 2021:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 19, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3642-3644; text: CR H3642-3643)
- **Jul 19, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1250.
- **Jul 19, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
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