

## HR 5201

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish and maintain a database that contains up-to-date contact information for the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretaries of the military departments.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Sep 10, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. (Sep 10, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 10, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4350	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2022:</b> Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144.

### Summary (as of Sep 10, 2021)

This bill requires the Department of Defense to establish and maintain a database that contains current contact information for the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces. A commander of the service member's unit in a grade higher than O-5 must be authorized to access the contact information, regardless of whether the member served under the commander. Individuals named in the database are authorized to elect whether or not they want to be contacted by an officer.

### Actions Timeline

- Sep 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
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