

HR 678

PHONE Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Feb 1, 2021

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jul 21, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 1, 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 2, 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.

Summary (as of Jul 20, 2021)

Preserving Home and Office Numbers in Emergencies Act of 2021 or the PHONE Act of 2021

This bill restricts the reassignment of a telephone number assigned to a subscriber for the provision of fixed wireline voice service.

Specifically, for up to one year after a major disaster has been declared, a number may not be reassigned except at the request of the subscriber. At the request of a subscriber, this prohibition must be extended for an additional year.

Further, a subscriber may cancel service without a cancellation fee and resubscribe with the same number and no fee if the subscriber is located in a disaster area and the residence where the number is located is inaccessible or uninhabitable.

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. 678 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 H3716)
- **Jul 20, 2021:** 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 H3716)
- **Jul 19, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3647-3650; text: CR H3647-3648)
- **Jul 19, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 678.
- **Jul 19, 2021:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **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 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.