

HR 1353

Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Mar 3, 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Mar 3, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 27, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 8, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act or the ALERT Parity Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to facilitate the provision of emergency communication services (e.g., 9-1-1 calls and emergency alerts) in unserved areas. An unserved area is one that has no commercial mobile service capable of providing emergency services because of a lack of infrastructure, destruction of infrastructure, a power outage, or other reason.

The FCC must establish a process for companies to apply for approval to access the electromagnetic spectrum in order to provide emergency services in unserved areas. To obtain approval, a company must demonstrate that it (1) has a technical proposal for providing services, (2) will not use the spectrum to provide additional services, and (3) has the capability to provide the services rapidly. The company must also demonstrate that the services can withstand earthquakes, hurricanes, and other major disasters. The FCC must publish a list of approved providers online.

Additionally, the bill provides protections for authorized users of the spectrum. For example, a provider with FCC approval to provide emergency services to an area under this bill may only access the spectrum if (1) the entity that is typically authorized to use it expressly consents in writing to the approved provider's use, and (2) the approved provider's use does not interfere with the authorized entity's use. Authorized entities that receive a request for consent must reasonably engage with the provider submitting the request.

The bill also limits the liability of an approved provider for certain harms resulting from the transmission of (or failure to transmit) emergency alerts or the release of subscriber information when delivering an alert.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1978-1979)
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 - 1 (Roll no. 197). (text: 4/25/2023 CR H1922-1923)
- **Apr 26, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 422 - 1 (Roll no. 197). (text: 4/25/2023 CR H1922-1923)
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 25, 2023:** Mr. Latta moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 25, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1921-1924)
- **Apr 25, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1353.
- **Apr 25, 2023:** 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.
- **Apr 24, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-39.
- **Apr 24, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 25.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 46 - 0.
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 0 .
- **Mar 3, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Mar 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

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