

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7022

AN ACT

To provide for the transmission of emergency alerts by
satellite, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mystic Alerts Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF EMERGENCY ALERTS BY SAT-**
4 **ELLITE.**

5 (a) SERVICE PROVIDER ELECTION.—

6 (1) REQUIRED FILING.—Not later than 60 days
7 after the effective date of the final rule required to
8 be issued under subsection (b), each covered service
9 provider shall file an election with the Federal Com-
10 munications Commission with respect to whether the
11 provider intends to transmit emergency alerts by
12 satellite to the subscribers of the commercial mobile
13 service of the provider who receive such service on
14 devices capable of receiving such alerts, in addition
15 to the transmission of emergency alerts under the
16 Warning Alert, and Response Network Act.

17 (2) NOTIFICATION; AGREEMENT.—If a provider
18 elects to transmit emergency alerts to subscribers by
19 satellite under paragraph (1), the provider shall—

20 (A) notify the Commission of that election;

21 and

22 (B) agree to transmit such alerts in a
23 manner consistent with the technical standards,
24 protocols, procedures, and other technical re-
25 quirements implemented by the Commission.

1 (3) ELECTION NOT TO TRANSMIT.—If a pro-
2 vider elects not to transmit emergency alerts by sat-
3 ellite under paragraph (1), the provider shall provide
4 notice to new and existing subscribers described in
5 such paragraph of that election in the same manner
6 that is required under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
7 section 602(b)(1) of the Warning, Alert, and Re-
8 sponse Network Act.

9 (4) CONSUMER CHOICE TO OPT OUT.—If a pro-
10 vider elects to transmit emergency alerts to sub-
11 scribers of such service by satellite under paragraph
12 (1), the provider shall prevent the device of any such
13 subscriber that opts out of receiving emergency
14 alerts pursuant to section 602(b)(2)(E) of the Warn-
15 ing, Alert, and Response Network Act, or classes of
16 such alerts, from receiving such alerts by satellite.

17 (5) NO FEE FOR SERVICE.—If a provider elects
18 to transmit emergency alerts to subscribers by sat-
19 ellite under paragraph (1), the provider may not im-
20 pose a separate or additional charge for such trans-
21 mission or capability.

22 (b) SATELLITE ALERT REGULATIONS.—

23 (1) NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING.—Not
24 later than 6 months after the date of the enactment
25 of this Act, the Commission shall publish a Notice

1 of Proposed Rulemaking to establish any require-
2 ments necessary to facilitate the satellite alerting ca-
3 pability of covered service providers.

4 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements re-
5 quired by paragraph (1) shall—

6 (A) take into account the capability of—

7 (i) satellites to transmit emergency
8 alerts; and

9 (ii) mobile devices to receive and dis-
10 play such alerts; and

11 (B) minimize the impact of emergency
12 alerting on other voice and data communica-
13 tions, including 9–1–1 communications.

14 (3) FINAL RULE.—Not later than 18 months
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
16 Commission shall, in consultation with the Secretary
17 of Homeland Security and the Administrator of the
18 Federal Emergency Management Agency, issue a
19 final rule establishing the requirements described
20 under paragraph (1).

21 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE.—

22 (A) DATE.—The effective date of the final
23 rule described under paragraph (3) shall be the
24 later of—

1 (i) 36 months after publication of the
2 final rule in the Federal Register; or

3 (ii) 12 months after the Secretary of
4 Homeland Security and the Administrator
5 of the Federal Emergency Management
6 Agency implement any standards, proto-
7 cols, or procedures necessary to support
8 the transmission of emergency alerts from
9 alert originators to covered service pro-
10 viders, the Secretary and the Adminis-
11 trator shall notify the Commission of such
12 implementation.

13 (B) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of
14 Homeland Security and the Administrator of
15 the Federal Emergency Management Agency
16 shall notify the Commission of the implementa-
17 tion of any standards, protocols, or procedures
18 described under subparagraph (A)(ii) for the
19 purpose of determining the effective date of the
20 final rule described under paragraph (3).

21 (c) LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any covered service provider
23 (including its officers, directors, employees, vendors,
24 and agents) that transmits emergency alerts by sat-
25 ellite and meets its obligations under this Act shall

1 not be liable to any subscriber to, or user of, such
2 person's service or equipment for—

3 (A) any act or omission related to or any
4 harm resulting from the transmission of, or
5 failure to transmit, an emergency alert by sat-
6 ellite; or

7 (B) the release to a government agency or
8 entity, public safety, fire service, law enforce-
9 ment official, emergency medical service, or
10 emergency facility of subscriber information
11 used in connection with delivering such an alert.

12 (2) ELECTION NOT TO TRANSMIT ALERTS BY
13 SATELLITE.—The election by a covered service pro-
14 vider under subsection (a)(3) not to transmit emer-
15 gency alerts by satellite shall not, by itself, provide
16 a basis for liability against the provider (including
17 its officers, directors, employees, vendors, and
18 agents).

19 (d) COVERED SERVICE PROVIDER.—In this Act,
20 “covered service provider” means a provider of commercial
21 mobile service that—

22 (1) voluntarily elects to transmit emergency
23 alerts under section 602(b) of the Warning, Alert,
24 and Response Network Act (Public Law 109–347;
25 42 U.S.C. 1201); and

1 (2) makes satellite voice and data communica-
2 tions service available to subscribers of the commer-
3 cial mobile service of the provider.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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