

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 2206, With an
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a
new text)**

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2206

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2015

Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. McCAUL, and Ms. MCSALLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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 “State Wide Interoper-
3 able Communications Enhancement Act” or the “SWIC
4 Enhancement Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR CER-**
6 **TAIN HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 2004(b)
8 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 605(b))
9 is amended by—

10 (1) redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as
11 subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively; and

12 (2) inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
13 lowing new subparagraph:

14 “(B)(i) certification that the Governor of
15 the State has designated a Statewide Interoper-
16 ability Coordinator, including identification in
17 such certification of the individual so des-
18 igned, who shall be responsible for—

19 “(I) coordinating the daily operations
20 of the State’s interoperability efforts;

21 “(II) coordinating State interoper-
22 ability and communications projects and
23 grant applications for such projects;

24 “(III) establishing and maintaining
25 working groups to develop and implement
26 key interoperability initiatives; and

1 “(IV) coordinating and updating, as
2 necessary, a Statewide Communications
3 Interoperability Plan that specifies the cur-
4 rent status of State efforts to enhance
5 communications interoperability within the
6 State, including progress, modifications, or
7 setbacks, and future goals for communica-
8 tions interoperability among emergency re-
9 sponse agencies in the State; or

10 “(ii) if a Statewide Interoperability Coordi-
11 nator has not been designated in accordance
12 with clause (i)—

13 “(I) certification that the State is per-
14 forming in another manner the functions
15 described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of
16 such clause; and

17 “(II) identification in such certifi-
18 cation of an individual who has been des-
19 ignated by the State as the primary point
20 of contact for performance of such func-
21 tions;”.

22 (b) **LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.**—The amendment
23 made by subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any
24 grant for which an application was submitted under the

- 1 State Homeland Security Grant Program before the date
- 2 of the enactment of this Act.