

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.**

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PFLUGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mystic Alert Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF EMERGENCY ALERTS BY SAT-**

6 **ELLITE.**

7 (b) SERVICE PROVIDER ELECTION.—

8 (1) REQUIRED FILING.—Each provider of com-
9 mercial mobile service that voluntarily elects to

1 transmit emergency alerts under section 602(b) of
2 the Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act
3 (Public Law 109–347; 42 U.S.C. 1201) shall file an
4 election with the Federal Communications Commis-
5 sion with respect to whether the provider intends to
6 also transmit such alerts by satellite to the sub-
7 scribers or users of the commercial mobile service of
8 the provider.

13 (A) notify the Commission of that election;
14 and

15 (B) agree to transmit such alerts in a
16 manner consistent with the technical standards,
17 protocols, procedures, and other technical re-
18 quirements implemented by the Commission.

1 subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 602(b)(1) of
2 the Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act.

3 (4) CONSUMER CHOICE TO OPT OUT.—If a pro-
4 vider of commercial mobile service described under
5 paragraph (1) elects to transmit emergency alerts to
6 subscribers and users by satellite, the provider shall
7 prevent the device of any subscriber or user that
8 opts out of receiving emergency alerts pursuant to
9 section 602(b)(2)(E) of the Warning, Alert, and Re-
10 sponse Network Act, or classes of such alerts, from
11 receiving such alerts by satellite.

12 (c) SATELLITE ALERT REGULATIONS.—

13 (1) NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING.—Not
14 later than 6 months after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act, the Commission shall publish a Notice
16 of Proposed Rulemaking to establish relevant tech-
17 nical standards, protocols, procedures, interoper-
18 ability requirements, and other technical require-
19 ments necessary to enable satellite alerting capa-
20 bility for providers of commercial mobile service that
21 voluntarily elect to transmit emergency alerts, in-
22 cluding standards for training such providers on en-
23 abling such capability.

24 (2) FINAL RULE.—Not later than 12 months
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Commission shall, in consultation with the Secretary
2 of Homeland Security and the Administrator of the
3 Federal Emergency Management Agency, issue a
4 final rule establishing the standards, protocols, pro-
5 cedures, and requirements described under para-
6 graph (1).