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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.

9 (2) NOTIFICATION; AGREEMENT.—If a provider
10 described under paragraph (1) elects to transmit
11 emergency alerts to subscribers or users by satellite,
12 the provider shall—

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.

19 (3) ELECTION NOT TO TRANSMIT.—If a pro-
20 vider elects not to transmit emergency alerts by sat-
21 ellite under paragraph (1), the provider shall provide
22 notice to new and existing subscribers and users of
23 the commercial mobile service of the provider of that
24 election in the same manner that is required under

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 response 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).