

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4203

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with communication frequencies used by emergency response providers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mr. KING of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Emergency Responder  
5       Radio Communications Protection Act of 2014”.

6       **SEC. 2. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMUNICATION FRE-**  
7                               **QUENCIES USED BY EMERGENCY RESPONSE**  
8                               **PROVIDERS PROHIBITED.**

9       (a) PROHIBITION.—Chapter 65 of title 18, United  
10       States Code, is amended by inserting after the following:

1 **“§ 1370. Communication frequencies used by emer-**  
2 **gency response providers**

3 “(a) OFFENSE.—Whoever knowingly—

4 “(1) interferes in any way with the working or  
5 use of a communication frequency; or

6 “(2) obstructs, hinders, or delays the trans-  
7 mission of any communication over any such com-  
8 munication frequency;

9 or attempts or conspires to do so, shall be fined under  
10 this title or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

11 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

12 “(1) the term ‘communication frequency’ means  
13 any radio frequency used by emergency response  
14 providers in their official capacity;

15 “(2) the term ‘emergency response providers’  
16 has the meaning given such term in Sec. 2(6) of the  
17 Homeland Security Act of 2002.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
19 for chapter 65 of such title is amended by adding at the  
20 end the following:

“1370. Communications frequencies used by emergency response providers.”.

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