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# H. R. 1425

To provide for the expedited and increased assignment of spectrum for public safety purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2003

Ms. HARMAN (for herself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BEREUTER, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. FORD, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Homeland Emergency  
5 Response Operations Act” or the “HERO Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREVENTION OF DELAY IN REASSIGNMENT OF 24**  
2 **MEGAHERTZ FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES.**

3 Section 309(j)(14) of the Communications Act of  
4 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(14)) is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following new subparagraph:

6 “(D) EXTENSIONS NOT PERMITTED FOR  
7 CHANNELS (63, 64, 68 AND 69) REASSIGNED FOR  
8 PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES.—Notwithstanding  
9 subparagraph (B), the Commission shall not  
10 grant any extension under such subparagraph  
11 from the limitation of subparagraph (A) with  
12 respect to the frequencies assigned, pursuant to  
13 section 337(a)(1), for public safety services.  
14 The Commission shall take all actions necessary  
15 to complete assignment of the electromagnetic  
16 spectrum between 764 and 776 megahertz, in-  
17 clusive, and between 794 and 806 megahertz,  
18 inclusive, for public safety services and to per-  
19 mit operations by public safety services on those  
20 frequencies commencing no later than January  
21 1, 2007.”.

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