

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1771

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit knowingly misinforming the relative of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States that such member is deceased, injured, or missing due to an event associated with their military service.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER 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. PROHIBITION.**

4       Section 223(a)(1) of the Communications Act of  
5       1934 (47 U.S.C. 223(a)(1)) is amended—

6               (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph  
7       (D); and

1           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-  
2       lowing new subparagraph:

3           “(F) makes a telephone call or initiates a  
4       communication with a telecommunications de-  
5       vice with the intended purpose of knowingly  
6       misinforming the relative of a member of the  
7       Armed Forces of the United States (including  
8       a member of the National Guard on active serv-  
9       ice) that such member is deceased, injured, or  
10      missing due to an event associated with their  
11      military service; or”.

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