

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4498

To amend title III of the PROTECT Act to modify the standards for the issuance of alerts through the AMBER Alert communications network to assist in facilitating the recovery of abducted newborns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2007

Mr. GRAVES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Tory Jo’s Loophole
5 AMBER Response Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE AND DIS-**
2 **SEMINATION OF ALERTS THROUGH AMBER**
3 **ALERT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK TO FA-**
4 **CILITATE THE RECOVERY OF ABDUCTED**
5 **NEWBORNS.**

6 Section 302(b) of the PROTECT Act (42 U.S.C.
7 5791a(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new paragraph:

9 “(5) The minimum standards shall, to the max-
10 imum extent practicable (as determined by the Coor-
11 dinator in consultation with State and local law en-
12 forcement agencies), allow local law enforcement of-
13 ficials to issue, and to provide for the dissemination
14 of, an alert through the AMBER Alert communica-
15 tions network to facilitate the recovery of an ab-
16 ducted newborn.”.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF CHILD FOR PURPOSES OF AMBER**
18 **ALERT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.**

19 Subtitle A of title III of the PROTECT Act (42
20 U.S.C. 5791 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
21 the following:

22 **“SEC. 306. CHILD DEFINED.**

23 “In this subtitle, the term ‘child’ means—

24 “(1) an individual under 18 years of age; or

25 “(2) a newborn.”.