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H. R. 3749

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 2015

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

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 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMUNICATION FRE-**
2 **QUENCIES USED BY EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
3 **PROVIDERS PROHIBITED.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Chapter 65 of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 1370. Communication frequencies used by emer-**
8 **gency response providers**

9 “(a) OFFENSE.—Whoever knowingly—

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

12 “(2) obstructs, hinders, or delays the trans-
13 mission of any communication over any such com-
14 munication frequency,

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

17 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

18 “(1) the term ‘communication frequency’ means
19 any radio frequency used by emergency response
20 providers in their official capacity; and

21 “(2) the term ‘emergency response providers’
22 has the meaning given such term in section 2(6) of
23 the Homeland Security Act of 2002.”.

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

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

