

HR 1787

Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act of 2004

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Apr 11, 2003
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Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]	R · IA		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. McInnis, Scott [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Boehlert, Sherwood [R-NY-24]	R · NY		May 6, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		May 6, 2003
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		May 6, 2003
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Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		May 6, 2003
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		May 6, 2003
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 6, 2003

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Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		May 6, 2003
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		May 6, 2003
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		May 7, 2003
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Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Oct 15, 2003
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Oct 15, 2003
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Oct 15, 2003
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Oct 15, 2003
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Oct 17, 2003
Rep. Cox, Christopher [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Oct 17, 2003
Rep. Lucas, Ken [D-KY-4]	D · KY		Oct 17, 2003
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2003
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Oct 30, 2003
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Oct 30, 2003
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Nov 17, 2003
Rep. Rehberg, Dennis R. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Mar 30, 2004
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Sep 9, 2004
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Sep 9, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 13, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on September 13, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act of 2004 - States that a person (including a governmental or other entity) who donates fire control or fire rescue equipment to a volunteer fire company shall not be liable for State or Federal civil damages for personal injuries, property damage or loss, or death proximately caused by the equipment after the donation.

Waives such liability protection if: (1) the person's act or omission causing the injury, damage, loss, or death constitutes gross negligence or intentional misconduct; or (2) the person is the manufacturer of such equipment.

Preempts State law that is inconsistent with this Act, except where such law provides additional liability protection.

Directs the Attorney General to: (1) conduct a State-by-State review of such donations during the five years before this Act's enactment; and (2) report the results to Congress, including an assessment for each State of the most effective way to fund firefighter companies, whether first responder funding is sufficient to respond to the Nation's needs, and the best method to ensure that donated equipment is in usable condition.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 29, 2004:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 748.
- **Sep 28, 2004:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Sep 15, 2004:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 14, 2004:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 14, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7090-7092)
- **Sep 14, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1787.
- **Sep 14, 2004:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 14, 2004:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7097-7098)
- **Sep 14, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 397 - 3 (Roll no. 446).(text: CR H7090)
- **Sep 14, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 397 - 3 (Roll no. 446). (text: CR H7090)
- **Sep 14, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 13, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 108-680.
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- **Sep 13, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 419.
- **Sep 8, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 8, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 20, 2004:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 12, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E771)
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 11, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.