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S 1747

GIVE Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Law

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 21, 2005)

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Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	$R \cdot MN$		Sep 22, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 21, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5759	Related bill	Aug 1, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the
		Chairman .

Good Samaritan Liability Improvement and Volunteer Encouragement Act of 2005 (GIVE Act of 2005) - Exempts from liability for acts or omissions: (1) disaster relief volunteers; (2) employers or business partners of disaster relief volunteers; (3) hosts or enabling persons, entities, or organizations; and (4) governmental and intergovernmental entities for donations of disaster relief goods.

Specifies limits to punitive and non-economic damages for willful, knowing, or reckless misconduct based on the actions of disaster relief volunteers and governmental or intergovernmental donors.

Provides for: (1) judicial review of allegations; (2) supplemental disaster declarations by the President, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Secretary of Homeland Security; and (3) state election for nonapplicability of a provision of this Act to certain civil actions in state court.

Amends the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 with respect to liability protection for actions of volunteers generally.

Exempts persons from civil liability relating to any injury or death involving: (1) donations of equipment to nonprofit organizations; or (2) use of facilities, a motor vehicle or aircraft provided to nonprofit organizations.

Provides for judicial review of allegations

Actions Timeline

- Sep 21, 2005: Introduced in Senate
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