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Helicopter Medical Services Patient Safety, Protection, and Coordination Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2009
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 848	Related bill	Apr 22, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2009)

Helicopter Medical Services Patient Safety, Protection, and Coordination Act - Authorizes states to regulate helicopter medical services with respect to: (1) the medical qualifications and training of helicopter medical personnel, except that a state shall not impose new or additional requirements on a pilot; and (2) the obligation of providers of helicopter medical services to comply with a state's health planning, patient safety, and medical service requirements.

Authorizes states to regulate the following aspects of helicopter medical services to the extent that state regulations are harmonized with relevant federal operating requirements: (1) the designation of destinations for emergency patient transport; (2) the specification of service requirements with respect to geographic areas within a state or during specified hours and days; (3) the coordination of flight requests for emergency helicopter medical services; and (4) compliance with accreditation requirements.

Authorizes states to regulate the following aspects of helicopter medical services to the extent that state regulations are consistent with relevant federal operating requirements: (1) the necessary medical equipment to be carried on board or affixed to the helicopter; (2) the physical attributes of the helicopter necessary for the provision of quality medical care and for the protection of helicopter and ground medical personnel; and (3) specified communication capabilities between helicopter personnel and emergency medical services and public safety personnel and between the flight crew and helicopter medical personnel.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce