

HR 2658

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act

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Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jun 25, 2015
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Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jul 16, 2015
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Aug 4, 2015
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Feb 8, 2016
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Apr 14, 2016
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Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Huelskamp, Tim [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Apr 15, 2016
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Poliquin, Bruce [R-ME-2]	R · ME		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Apr 26, 2016
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Apr 27, 2016
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		May 3, 2016
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		May 10, 2016
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		May 11, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 4, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1191	Identical bill	May 22, 2015: Became Public Law No: 114-17.
114 HR 33	Identical bill	Mar 30, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 S 420	Identical bill	Feb 10, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jun 4, 2015)

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude services rendered by bona-fide volunteers providing firefighting and prevention services, emergency medical services, or ambulance services to a state or local government or a tax-exempt charitable organization from the category of services usually rendered by an employee of an applicable large employer subject to the mandate to provide minimum essential health care coverage under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), thus exempting such employers from PPACA requirements with respect to such volunteers.

The bill defines "bona fide volunteer" as an employee of any government entity and any tax-exempt charitable organization whose only compensation is in the form of: (1) reimbursement for (or reasonable allowance for) reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of volunteer services, or (2) reasonable benefits (including length-of-service awards) and nominal fees customarily paid by similar entities for the services of volunteers.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
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