

## HR 2795

### FRIENDS Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Jun 16, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governm

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 16, 2015
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Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jun 16, 2015
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Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jun 16, 2015
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 16, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 14, 2015
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Dec 10, 2015)

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(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on December 7, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **First Responder Identification of Emergency Needs in Disaster Situations or the FRIENDS Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit a report that describes select state and local programs and policies related to the preparedness and protection of first responders, which may include information on:

- the degree to which such programs and policies include consideration of the presence of a first responder's family in an area impacted by a terrorist attack,
- the availability of personal protective equipment for first responders, and
- the availability of home Medkits for first responders and their families for biological incident response.

The GAO may provide information: (1) in a format that delineates high risk urban areas from rural communities; and (2) on the degree to which the selected state and local programs and policies were developed or are being executed with funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including grants from the State Homeland Security Grant Program or the Urban Area Security Initiative.

DHS shall consider the report's findings and assess its applicability for federal first responders.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 14, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Dec 10, 2015:** Mr. Hurd (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 10, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9257-9262)
- **Dec 10, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2795.
- **Dec 10, 2015:** 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.
- **Dec 10, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9264-9265)
- **Dec 10, 2015:** 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): 396 - 12 (Roll no. 689).(text: CR H9257-9258)
- **Dec 10, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 10, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 12 (Roll no. 689). (text: CR H9257-9258)
- **Dec 7, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 114-370.
- **Dec 7, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 282.
- **Nov 4, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 4, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 19, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.
- **Jun 16, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 16, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.