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Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		May 19, 2016
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		May 24, 2016
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 24, 2016
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 7, 2016
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Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 6, 2016
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 8, 2016
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 12, 2016
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 19, 2016
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Sep 21, 2016
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 15, 2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 15, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 16, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4365	Related bill	Nov 15, 2016: Received in the Senate.

Summary (as of May 16, 2016)

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This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to direct the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to register an emergency medical services (EMS) agency as an entity authorized to dispense controlled substances, instead of registering the individual practitioners or medical directors of the agency.

A registered EMS agency must be overseen by one or more medical directors.

The bill specifies that an EMS practitioner who is employed by a registered EMS agency may administer controlled substances under a standing order issued by a medical director. The standing order does not have to be specific to an individual patient. An EMS agency must keep the standing order on file and make it available to the DEA upon request.

Actions Timeline

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