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Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2016

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Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 27, 2016
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 14, 2016
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Sep 21, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 27, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3682	Related bill	Sep 30, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
114 HR 865	Related bill	Mar 16, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to shield a health care professional from liability under federal or state law for harm caused by any act or omission if: (1) the professional is serving as a volunteer in response to a disaster; and (2) the act or omission occurs during the period of the disaster, in the professional's capacity as a volunteer, and in a good faith belief that the individual being treated is in need of health care services.

This protection from liability does not apply if: (1) the harm was caused by an act or omission constituting willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or a conscious flagrant indifference to the rights or safety of the individual harmed; or (2) the professional rendered the health care services under the influence of alcohol or an intoxicating drug.

Actions Timeline

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