

## S 616

### Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Feb 27, 2015

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1203) (Feb 27, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/616>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 27, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 18, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 26, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1171	Identical bill	<b>Apr 29, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2015**

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow sponsors of certain deferred compensation plans to elect to include length of service award plans for bona fide volunteers providing firefighting and fire prevention services, emergency medical services, ambulance services, and emergency rescue services.

Directs the Secretary of Labor to issue guidance clarifying that a length of service award program is not an employee pension benefit plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

## **Actions Timeline**

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