

HR 865

Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2015

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Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Sep 24, 2015
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Clawson, Curt [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Oct 22, 2015
Rep. Ashford, Brad [D-NE-2]	D · NE		Nov 16, 2015
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Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Dec 7, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Feb 11, 2016
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Feb 29, 2016
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Mar 3, 2016
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		May 10, 2016

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Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		May 12, 2016
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		May 23, 2016
Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		May 23, 2016
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Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Nov 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3682	Related bill	Sep 30, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
114 S 3101	Related bill	Jun 27, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2015)

Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2015

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.

Makes exceptions where: (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

- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Feb 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.