

HR 865

Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Mar 16, 2015)

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| 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.