

## HR 1822

### Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 30, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Apr 21, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1822>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 31, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6378	Related bill	Sep 26, 2018: Received in the Senate.
115 HR 1876	Related bill	Feb 14, 2018: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
115 S 781	Identical bill	Mar 30, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2017

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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- **Apr 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Mar 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 30, 2017:** 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.