

HR 304

Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]

Party: Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1] | D · ME | | Jan 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4] | D · NY | | Jan 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3] | R · IA | | Jan 9, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 5, 2017 |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Oct 25, 2017 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 12, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 916 | Related bill | May 25, 2018: Held at the desk. |

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to direct the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to register an emergency medical services (EMS) agency to administer controlled substances if the agency submits an application demonstrating that it is authorized to conduct such activity in the state in which the agency practices. The DEA may deny an application if it determines that the registration is inconsistent with the public interest.

An EMS agency may obtain a single registration in each state instead of a separate registration for each location.

A registered EMS agency may deliver, store, and receive controlled substances, subject to specified conditions.

An EMS professional of a registered EMS agency may administer controlled substances in schedules II, III, IV, or V outside the physical presence of a medical director if such administration is authorized under state law and pursuant to a standing or verbal order, subject to specified conditions.

The bill specifies that a hospital-based EMS agency (i.e., an EMS agency owned or operated by a hospital) may continue to administer controlled substances under the hospital's DEA registration.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 17, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-83.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Mr. Hudson asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H8421-8422)
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate Amendment: CR H8421-8422)
- **Nov 2, 2017:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate Amendment: CR H8421-8422)
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6773)
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 12, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jan 10, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jan 9, 2017:** Mr. Burgess moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 9, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H206-208)
- **Jan 9, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 304.
- **Jan 9, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 9, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H218)
- **Jan 9, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 0 (Roll no. 25).(text: CR H206-207)
- **Jan 9, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 0 (Roll no. 25). (text: CR H206-207)
- **Jan 9, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 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.