HR 58

FRIENDS Act

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Emergency Management
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 1, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 4, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7333	Related bill	**Dec 20, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

Summary (as of Jan 31, 2017)

First Responder Identification of Emergency Needs in Disaster Situations or the FRIENDS Act

(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit a report that describes select state and local programs and policies related to the preparedness and protection of first responders, which may include information on:

- the degree to which such programs and policies include consideration of the presence of a first responder's family in an area impacted by a terrorist attack,
- the availability of personal protective equipment for first responders, and
- the availability of home Medkits for first responders and their families for biological incident response.

The GAO may provide information: (1) in a format that delineates high risk urban areas from rural communities; and (2) on the degree to which the selected state and local programs and policies were developed or are being executed with funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including grants from the State Homeland Security Grant Program or the Urban Area Security Initiative.

DHS shall consider the report's findings and assess its applicability for federal first responders.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 1, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Mr. Barletta moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H772-775)
- **Jan 31, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 58.
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H772)
- **Jan 31, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H772)
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.

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