

## HR 5856

Good Samaritan Charitable Physicians' Services Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** May 16, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. (May 16, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		May 18, 2018
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jul 16, 2018
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jul 16, 2018
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jul 18, 2018
Rep. Lewis, Jason [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jul 24, 2018
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Sep 24, 2018
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Sep 28, 2018
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Oct 19, 2018
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Dec 12, 2018
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Dec 19, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Good Samaritan Charitable Physicians' Services Act of 2018**

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a tax deduction for direct primary care physicians who provide charity care. The care must be provided without expectation of reimbursement and to an individual enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

A "direct primary care physician" is a physician who provides primary care: (1) to individuals who have paid a periodic subscription fee, and (2) in exchange for a fee that is published on a publicly available website of the physician.

The bill also amends the Public Health Service Act to specify that a physician is not liable under federal or state law for harm caused by an act or omission of the physician, or attending medical personnel supporting the physician, if the act or omission: (1) occurs in the course of furnishing charity care, and (2) was not grossly negligent. The bill preempts laws of a state or a political subdivision of the state that are inconsistent with this provision, unless the laws provide greater protection from liability for a defendant.

### **Actions Timeline**

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