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Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 30, 2017
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 30, 2017
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 12, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 19, 2018
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 10, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 10, 2018
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 14, 2018
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 14, 2018
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jul 25, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 30, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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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 HR 1822	Identical bill	Apr 21, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

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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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