

S 916

Ensuring Patient Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatments Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 1, 2017
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 9, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 22, 2017
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 13, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 17, 2017
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 2, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 23, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5202	Related bill	May 9, 2018: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
115 S 2680	Related bill	May 7, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 398.
115 HR 304	Related bill	Nov 17, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-83.

Summary (as of May 1, 2017)

Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017

(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.

(Sec. 3) A pharmacy may deliver a controlled substance to an administering practitioner in accordance with this bill's requirements, subject to specified conditions.

The Government Accountability Office must report to Congress on access to and the potential diversion of controlled substances administered by injection, implantation, or through the use of an intrathecal pump.

Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **May 25, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **May 24, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 23, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2882-2884)
- **May 23, 2018:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 23, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S2882-2884)
- **May 23, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2882-2884)
- **May 1, 2017:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Alexander with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 1, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 46.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 24, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 24, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.