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Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 7, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		May 7, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 7, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 7, 2019
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		May 7, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 7, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 7, 2019
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 7, 2019
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		May 23, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		May 23, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		May 23, 2019
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jul 17, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 7, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 14	Related bill	Nov 2, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
116 HR 6283	Related bill	Mar 13, 2020: 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.

Summary (as of May 7, 2019)

Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2019

This bill shields health care professionals from liability under federal or state law for harm caused by an act or omission while (1) the professional is serving as a volunteer in response to a disaster; and (2) such act or omission occurs during the period of the disaster, in the state where the disaster has been declared, in the professional's capacity as a volunteer, during the course of providing a service for which the professional is licensed or certified, and with 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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