

## HR 5239

### Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 10, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5239>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Nov 5, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Oct 4, 2022
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2941	Identical bill	Oct 6, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2021

This bill extends liability protection for harm caused by acts or omissions by volunteer health care professionals in the course of providing certain health care services during specified public-health or national emergencies or major disasters. However, such liability protection shall not apply if (1) the harm was caused by 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 health care professional provided services under the influence of alcohol or an intoxicating drug.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Sep 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2021:** 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.