

Calendar No. 220

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1353

To amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2009

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

DECEMBER 3, 2009

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Dale Long Emergency
3 Medical Service Providers Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT EMERGENCY**
5 **MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

6 Section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
7 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b) is amend-
8 ed—

9 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “public em-
10 ployee member of a rescue squad or ambulance
11 crew” and inserting “employee or volunteer member
12 of a rescue squad or ambulance crew (including a
13 ground or air ambulance service) that—

14 “(A) is a public agency; or

15 “(B) is (or is a part of) a nonprofit entity
16 serving the public that is officially authorized or
17 licensed—

18 “(i) to engage in rescue activity or to
19 provide emergency medical services; and

20 “(ii) to respond to an emergency situ-
21 ation;” and

22 (2) in paragraph (9)—

23 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “as a
24 chaplain” and all that follows through the semi-
25 colon, and inserting “or as a chaplain;”

1 (B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
2 “or” after the semicolon;

3 (C) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
4 the period and inserting “; or”; and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(D) a member of a rescue squad or am-
7 bulance crew who, as authorized or licensed by
8 law and by the applicable agency or entity, is
9 engaging in rescue activity or in the provision
10 of emergency medical services.”.

11 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 The amendments made by section 2(1) of this Act
13 shall apply only to injuries sustained on or after January
14 1, 2009.

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *This Act may be cited as the “Dale Long Emergency*
17 *Medical Service Providers Protection Act”.*

18 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY.**

19 *Section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control*
20 *and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b) is amend-*
21 *ed—*

22 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “public em-
23 ployee member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew;”
24 and inserting “employee or volunteer member of a

1 *rescue squad or ambulance crew (including a ground*
 2 *or air ambulance service) that—*

3 *“(A) is a public agency; or*

4 *“(B) is (or is a part of) a nonprofit entity*
 5 *serving the public that—*

6 *“(i) is officially authorized or licensed*
 7 *to engage in rescue activity or to provide*
 8 *emergency medical services; and*

9 *“(ii) is officially designated as a pre-*
 10 *hospital emergency medical response agen-*
 11 *cy;”; and*

12 *(2) in paragraph (9)—*

13 *(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “as a*
 14 *chaplain” and all that follows through the semi-*
 15 *colon, and inserting “or as a chaplain;”;*

16 *(B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking*
 17 *“or” after the semicolon;*

18 *(C) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking the*
 19 *period and inserting “; or”; and*

20 *(D) by adding at the end the following:*

21 *“(D) a member of a rescue squad or ambu-*
 22 *lance crew who, as authorized or licensed by law*
 23 *and by the applicable agency or entity (and as*
 24 *designated by such agency or entity), is engaging*

1 *in rescue activity or in the provision of emer-*
2 *gency medical services.”.*

3 **SEC. 3. OFFSET.**

4 *Of the unobligated balances available under the De-*
5 *partment of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund, \$5,000,000 are*
6 *permanently cancelled.*

7 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 *The amendments made by section 2 shall apply only*
9 *to injuries sustained on or after June 1, 2009.*

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