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H. R. 2887

To include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2019

Mr. ZELDIN (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Medical
5 Service Providers Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY.**

7 Section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
8 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284) is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) in paragraph (7) to read as follows:

1 “(7) ‘member of a rescue squad or ambulance
2 crew’ means an officially recognized or designated
3 employee or volunteer member of a rescue squad or
4 ambulance crew (including a ground or air ambu-
5 lance service) that—

6 “(A) is a public agency; or

7 “(B) is (or is a part of) a nonprofit or pri-
8 vate, for-profit entity serving the public that is
9 officially authorized or licensed to engage in
10 rescue activity or to provide emergency medical
11 services; and

12 “(i) engages in rescue activities or
13 provides emergency medical services as
14 part of an official emergency response sys-
15 tem; or

16 “(ii) is officially designated as a pre-
17 hospital emergency medical response agen-
18 cy;”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (9), by inserting after “and by
20 the applicable agency or entity” the following: “(and
21 as designated by such agency or entity)”.

22 **SEC. 3. OFFSET.**

23 Of the unobligated balances available under the De-
24 partment of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund, \$12,000,000
25 are permanently cancelled.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply only
3 to injuries sustained on or after March 1, 2007, and shall
4 take effect beginning on the date that is 90 days after
5 the date of enactment of this Act. Any person who had
6 made an application under part L of title I of the Omnibus
7 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and whose
8 application was denied by reason of the date an injury was
9 sustained may reapply.

10 **SEC. 5. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

11 Section 1086(d)(2)(A) of the National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-
13 239) is amended by striking “June 1, 2009” and inserting
14 “March 25, 2007”.

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