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S. 385

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 17, 2011

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Dale Long Emergency
5 Medical 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 (42 U.S.C. 3796b) is amend-
9 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “public em-
 2 ployee member of a rescue squad or ambulance
 3 crew;” and inserting “employee or volunteer member
 4 of a rescue squad or ambulance crew (including a
 5 ground or air ambulance service) that—

6 “(A) is a public agency; or

7 “(B) is (or is a part of) a nonprofit entity
 8 serving the public that—

9 “(i) is officially authorized or licensed
 10 to engage in rescue activity or to provide
 11 emergency medical services; and

12 “(ii) is officially designated as a pre-
 13 hospital emergency medical response agen-
 14 cy;”; and

15 (2) in paragraph (9)—

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

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

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

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

24 “(D) a member of a rescue squad or am-
 25 bulance crew who, as authorized or licensed by

1 law and by the applicable agency or entity (and
2 as designated by such agency or entity), is en-
3 gaging in rescue activity or in the provision of
4 emergency medical services.”.

5 **SEC. 3. OFFSET.**

6 Of the unobligated balances available under the De-
7 partment of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund, \$12,000,000
8 are permanently cancelled.

9 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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