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# H. R. 2887

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

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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

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## 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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