

COSPONSOR THE DR. LORNA BREEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT (H.R. 929 / S. 266)

Emergency medicine (EM) is a fast-paced, high-intensity, and demanding profession that has grown more challenging in recent years. The emergency department boarding crisis, worsening financial concerns, added administrative burdens, and rising violence against emergency physicians are driving **record levels of burnout**. According to the 2024 Medscape Report, **63% of emergency physicians** reported burnout or depression – more than any other specialty.



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Passed in 2022, the bipartisan **Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act (P.L. 117-105)** has been a critical step forward, implementing long-overdue changes in licensing and credentialing processes that have unintentionally contributed to stigma associated with health care workers seeking mental health care, and supporting over **250,000 health workers** through **45 initiatives**. Named in honor of Dr. Lorna Breen, our emergency physician colleague who died by suicide on April 26, 2020, **the law has saved lives and protected careers**.

The need for the law is as great as ever and we must continue building on this important progress.



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Funding needed

The **Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act (H.R. 929 / S. 266)**, led by **Reps. Kiggans (R-VA)** and **Dingell (D-MI)**, and **Sens. Kaine (D-VA)** and **Young (R-IN)**, would provide **\$45 million** in annual funding to:



Enable health care organizations to continue to address system-level risk factors that lead to burnout, contribute to mental health conditions, and exacerbate stress and strain.



Expand access to grants and contracts eligibility to include entities that are focused on reducing administrative burden on health care workers.

HOW CAN CONGRESS HELP?

ACEP urges legislators to cosponsor and swiftly pass the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act (H.R. 929 / S. 266).

This bipartisan effort passed committee in both chambers during the 118th Congress and was also included in the 2024 health package.

Reauthorizing this vital legislation is essential to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our nation's emergency physicians and health care workforce.