

HR 2340

Patient Safety and Health Care Whistleblower Protection Act of 2001

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime. (Jul 16, 2001)

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Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

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Rep. Sandlin, Max [D-TX-1]	D · TX		Jun 27, 2001
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Rep. Baldacci, John Elias [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 10, 2001
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Jul 10, 2001
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 10, 2001
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Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jul 10, 2001
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Rep. Bonior, David E. [D-MI-10]	D · MI		Jul 17, 2001
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2001
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Jul 19, 2001
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jul 24, 2001
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 30, 2001
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-10]	D · IN		Aug 2, 2001
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Aug 2, 2001
Rep. Carson, Brad [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Sep 5, 2001
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 5, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 6, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 16, 2001

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jun 27, 2001)

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Patient Safety and Health Care Whistleblower Protection Act of 2001 - Prohibits retaliation or discrimination against a health care worker because the worker disclosed information, advocated for patients, or initiated, cooperated with, or participated in any governmental investigation or proceeding regarding the care, services, or conditions of a health care entity if: (1) the information is true; and (2) the information disclosed evidences a violation of a law, rule, or professional standard or relates to matters endangering patients, workers, or the public. Prohibits contracts, policies, and procedures restricting the actions for which retaliation or discrimination is prohibited. Declares that these provisions do not protect disclosures violating confidentiality law.

Prohibits disclosing the identity of the worker, subject to exception. Provides for enforcement through private civil actions and, for certain willful and repeated violations, criminal penalties. Declares that this Act does not preempt other laws and allows States to enforce laws providing equivalent or greater worker protections.

### Actions Timeline

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