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Freedom of Choice Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 1, 2004
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Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 26, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3719	Identical bill	Mar 1, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Summary (as of Jan 22, 2004)

Freedom of Choice Act - Declares that it is the policy of the United States that every woman has the fundamental right to choose to: (1) bear a child; (2) terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal viability; or (3) terminate it after fetal viability when necessary to protect her life or her health.

Prohibits a governmental entity from: (1) denying or interfering with a woman's right to exercise such choices; or (2) discriminating against the exercise of those rights in its regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information.

Authorizes an individual aggrieved by a violation of this Act to obtain appropriate relief, including relief against a governmental entity in a civil action.

States that this Act applies to every Federal, State, and local statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action enacted, adopted, or implemented before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 22, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 22, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S186-187)
- **Jan 22, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.