

S 2593

Freedom of Choice Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 6, 2006
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 6, 2006
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 6, 2006
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 6, 2006
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 6, 2006
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 6, 2006
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 24, 2006
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 24, 2006
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 24, 2006
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 25, 2006
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 17, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 7, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5151	Identical bill	Apr 6, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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 a pregnancy 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 the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information. Provides that such prohibition shall apply retroactively.

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

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 6, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 6, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3242)
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