

HR 1179

Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Mar 17, 2011

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 28, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]

Party: Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (223 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boren, Dan [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Mar 17, 2011
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]	R · IA		Apr 1, 2011
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Apr 1, 2011
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2011
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Apr 1, 2011
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Apr 1, 2011
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Apr 7, 2011
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Apr 7, 2011
Rep. Buerkle, Ann Marie [R-NY-25]	R · NY		Apr 14, 2011
Rep. Huelskamp, Tim [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Apr 14, 2011
Rep. Lankford, James [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Apr 14, 2011
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		May 4, 2011
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		May 4, 2011
Rep. Canseco, Francisco "Quico" [R-TX-23]	R · TX		May 24, 2011
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		May 24, 2011
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jun 23, 2011
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jul 22, 2011
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jul 22, 2011
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 22, 2011
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jul 27, 2011
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jul 27, 2011
Rep. Schmidt, Jean [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Aug 1, 2011
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Aug 1, 2011
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Aug 1, 2011
Rep. Lewis, Jerry [R-CA-41]	R · CA		Aug 1, 2011
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Aug 5, 2011
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Aug 5, 2011
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Aug 5, 2011
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Aug 5, 2011
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Aug 5, 2011

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Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Aug 9, 2011
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Aug 9, 2011
Rep. Schilling, Robert T. [R-IL-17]	R · IL		Aug 9, 2011
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Aug 16, 2011
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Aug 16, 2011
Rep. Davis, Geoff [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Aug 23, 2011
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Aug 23, 2011
Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Aug 23, 2011
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Sep 7, 2011
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2011
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Sep 7, 2011
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-9]	R · MO		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Schock, Aaron [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Nunnelee, Alan [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Sep 13, 2011
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Sep 20, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Sep 20, 2011
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Sep 20, 2011
Rep. Scott, Tim [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Sep 20, 2011
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Sep 22, 2011
Rep. Walsh, Joe [R-IL-8]	R · IL		Sep 23, 2011
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Landry, Jeffrey M. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Oct 4, 2011
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Oct 6, 2011
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Oct 6, 2011
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-11]	R · IL		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Oct 13, 2011
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Oct 13, 2011

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Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Oct 13, 2011
Rep. Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 24, 2011
Rep. Gowdy, Trey [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Oct 24, 2011
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Oct 25, 2011
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Cravaack, Chip [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Bachmann, Michele [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Nov 3, 2011
Rep. Broun, Paul C. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Nov 3, 2011
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Nov 3, 2011
Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Nov 3, 2011
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Nov 15, 2011
Rep. Griffin, Tim [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Nov 18, 2011
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Dec 6, 2011
Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Jan 23, 2012
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Jan 23, 2012
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jan 23, 2012
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-3]	R · OH		Jan 23, 2012
Rep. Critz, Mark S. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Jan 25, 2012
Rep. Adams, Sandy [R-FL-24]	R · FL		Jan 31, 2012
Rep. Berg, Rick [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jan 31, 2012
Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Jan 31, 2012
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jan 31, 2012
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jan 31, 2012
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jan 31, 2012
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Austria, Steve [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Stutzman, Marlin A. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Feb 2, 2012
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-1]	R · AZ		Feb 3, 2012
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-52]	R · CA		Feb 3, 2012
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Feb 3, 2012
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R · LA		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 6, 2012

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Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Turner, Robert L. [R-NY-9]	R · NY		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Feb 6, 2012
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Rehberg, Denny [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Young, Todd [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Feb 7, 2012
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Guinta, Frank C. [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Johnson, Timothy V. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Nugent, Richard B. [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Rivera, David [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Southerland, Steve II [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Feb 8, 2012
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-9]	R · FL		Feb 9, 2012
Rep. Campbell, John [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Feb 9, 2012
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Feb 9, 2012

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Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Feb 9, 2012
Rep. Ellmers, Renee L. [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Feb 9, 2012
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Feb 9, 2012
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 9, 2012
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 9, 2012
Rep. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Feb 13, 2012
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2012
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2012
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Feb 13, 2012
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Feb 14, 2012
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Feb 15, 2012
Rep. Gardner, Cory [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Feb 15, 2012
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Feb 15, 2012
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 15, 2012
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Feb 15, 2012
Rep. Amash, Justin [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Grimm, Michael G. [R-NY-13]	R · NY		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. West, Allen B. [R-FL-22]	R · FL		Feb 16, 2012
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Feb 17, 2012
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Feb 17, 2012
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Feb 17, 2012
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Feb 17, 2012
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Feb 17, 2012
Rep. Quayle, Benjamin [R-AZ-3]	R · AZ		Feb 17, 2012
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]	R · CA		Feb 17, 2012
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-19]	R · IL		Feb 17, 2012

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Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Feb 28, 2012
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	R · CA		Feb 28, 2012
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Feb 28, 2012
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Feb 28, 2012
Rep. Runyan, Jon [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		Feb 28, 2012
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Feb 29, 2012
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-20]	R · NY		Feb 29, 2012
Rep. Hurt, Robert [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Feb 29, 2012
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Feb 29, 2012
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Feb 29, 2012
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Mar 6, 2012
Rep. Barrow, John [D-GA-12]	D · GA		Mar 7, 2012
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Mar 27, 2012
Rep. Hayworth, Nan A. S. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Mar 27, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 28, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1467	Identical bill	Aug 2, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011 - Amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to permit a health plan to decline coverage of specific items and services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan or the purchaser or beneficiary (in the case of individual coverage) without penalty. Declares that such plans are still considered to: (1) be providing the essential health benefits package or preventive health services, (2) be a qualified health plan, and (3) have fulfilled other requirements under PPACA.

Declares that nothing in PPACA shall be construed to authorize a health plan to require a provider to provide, participate in, or refer for a specific item or service contrary to the provider's religious beliefs or moral convictions. Prohibits a health plan from being considered to have failed to provide timely or other access to items or services or to fulfill any other requirement under PPACA because it has respected the rights of conscience of such a provider.

Prohibits an American Health Benefit Exchange (a state health insurance exchange) or other official or entity acting in a governmental capacity in the course of implementing PPACA from discriminating against a health plan, plan sponsor, health care provider, or other person because of an unwillingness to provide coverage of, participate in, or refer for, specific items or services.

Creates a private cause of action for the protection of individual rights created under this Act. Authorizes any person or entity to assert a violation of this Act as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding.

Designates the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to receive and investigate complaints of discrimination based on this Act.

Makes this Act effective as if it were included in PPACA.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 28, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.