

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)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/1179>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (223 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| 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 |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 28, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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.