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Abortion Non-Discrimination Act of 2011

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Sen. Coats, Daniel [R-IN] | R · IN | | Jan 25, 2011 |
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| Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY] | R · WY | | Jan 25, 2011 |
| Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE] | D · NE | | May 19, 2011 |
| Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] | R · SD | | May 19, 2011 |
| Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO] | R · MO | | Oct 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Johanns, Mike [R-NE] | R · NE | | Dec 12, 2011 |
| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL] | R · FL | | Dec 12, 2011 |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND] | R · ND | | Jan 26, 2012 |
| Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH] | R · NH | | Jan 31, 2012 |
| Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR] | R · AR | | Feb 6, 2012 |
| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV] | D · WV | | Feb 6, 2012 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jan 25, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 112 HR 361 | Identical bill | Feb 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

Abortion Non-Discrimination Act of 2011 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to codify provisions that prohibit the federal government and any state or local government that receives federal financial assistance from subjecting any health professional, a hospital, a provider sponsored organization, a health maintenance organization, an accountable care organization, a health insurance plan, or any other kind of health care facility, organization, or plan to discrimination on the basis that the entity refuses to participate in abortion-related activities.

Creates a cause of action for any violation of the abortion discrimination provisions. Gives federal courts jurisdiction to prevent and redress actual or threatened violations of such provisions by issuing any form of legal or equitable relief, including injunctions and orders preventing the disbursement of all or a portion of federal financial assistance until the prohibited conduct has ceased. Gives standing to institute an action to affected health care entities and the Attorney General.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate the Director of the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to receive and investigate complaints alleging a violation of abortion discrimination provisions.

Actions Timeline

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