

## S 2043

Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jan 30, 2012)

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Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 9, 2012
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Feb 9, 2012
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 9, 2012
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Feb 16, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 30, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3897	Identical bill	<b>Feb 10, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
112 S 2092	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Jan 30, 2012)

Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit any guideline or regulation issued relating to the coverage of preventive health services under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) or any other provision of PPACA to: (1) require any individual or entity to offer, provide, or purchase coverage for a contraceptive or sterilization service, or related education or counseling, to which that individual or entity is opposed on the basis of religious belief; or (2) require any individual or entity opposed by reason of religious belief to provide coverage of a contraceptive or sterilization service or to engage in government-mandated speech regarding such a service.

Declares that nothing in PPACA and no regulations or guidelines issued under PPACA shall be construed to authorize the imposition of a sanction or otherwise disadvantage an individual or entity on the basis of a religiously based decision made by that individual or entity to not offer, provide, or purchase coverage for a contraceptive or sterilization service, or to engage in a government-mandated speech regarding such service.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jan 30, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
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