

HR 2659

Access to Birth Control Act

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Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2011
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2011
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2011
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Nov 1, 2011
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Dec 13, 2011
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2012
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2012
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2012
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 22, 2012
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Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Apr 16, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1415	Identical bill	Jul 26, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Access to Birth Control Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require pharmacies to comply with certain rules related to contraceptives, including: (1) providing a customer a contraceptive without delay if it is in stock; (2) immediately informing a customer if the contraceptive is not in stock and either transferring the prescription to a pharmacy that has the contraceptive in stock or expediting the ordering of the contraceptive and notifying the customer when it arrives, based on customer preference, except for pharmacies that do not ordinarily stock contraceptives in the normal course of business; and (3) ensuring that pharmacy employees do not take certain actions relating to a request for contraception, including intimidating, threatening, or harassing customers, interfering with or obstructing the delivery of services, intentionally misrepresenting or deceiving customers about the availability of contraception or its mechanism of action, breaching or threatening to breach medical confidentiality, or refusing to return a valid, lawful prescription.

Provides that a pharmacy is not prohibited from refusing to provide a contraceptive to a customer if: (1) it is unlawful to dispense the contraceptive to the customer without a valid, lawful prescription and no such prescription is presented; (2) the customer is unable to pay for the contraceptive; or (3) the employee of the pharmacy refuses to provide the contraceptive on the basis of a professional clinical judgment.

Provides that this Act does not preempt state law or any professional obligation of a state board that provides greater protections for customers.

Sets forth civil penalties and establishes a a private cause of action for violations of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 26, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 26, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1411)
- **Jul 26, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.