

HRES 343

Expressing disapproval of the decision by the Supreme Court in *Sorrell v. IMS Health Inc.*

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jul 8, 2011

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Aug 25, 2011)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 25, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 8, 2011)

Disapproves of the majority opinion in *Sorrell v. IMS Health Inc.*, because it puts prescribers at risk of having their prescriber-identifying information sold without their knowledge or consent.

Expresses the belief of the House of Representatives that: (1) the Supreme Court incorrectly applied a heightened First Amendment standard of review to an instance of commercial regulation; (2) the negative impact on a pharmaceutical manufacturer's ability to market its products is outweighed by the interests of patient safety, doctor privacy, and health care costs; and (3) the states have the right to regulate the pharmaceutical industry based on what is best for the health and safety of their residents.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jul 15, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 8, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 8, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.