

HR 3897

Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Feb 3, 2012

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 10, 2012)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 10, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 2092	Related bill	Feb 9, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
112 S 2043	Identical bill	Jan 30, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 3, 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 or a contraceptive or sterilization service, or to engage in a government-mandated speech regarding such service.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 10, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 3, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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