

## HR 2033

Medical Neutrality Protection Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 16, 2013
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 16, 2013
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		May 16, 2013
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 16, 2013
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 16, 2013
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2013
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jun 17, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2013
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 14, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Medical Neutrality Protection Act of 2013 - Requires the Secretary of State to compile and update at least annually a list of those foreign governments that the Secretary determines have engaged in violations of medical neutrality and to provide a formal notification to a foreign government included in such list. Defines a “violation of medical neutrality” to include government-sanctioned actions, and actions not authorized by a government policy but which are not independently investigated, including: (1) militarized attacks on health care facilities, health care service providers, or individuals in the course of receiving medical treatment; (2) wanton destruction of medical supplies, facilities, records, or transportation services; (3) willful obstruction of medical ethics; (4) coercion of medical personnel to commit acts in violation of their ethical responsibilities; (5) deliberate misuse of health care facilities, transportation services, uniforms, or other insignia; (6) deliberate blocking of access to health care facilities and health care professionals; or (7) arbitrary arrest or detention of health care service providers or individuals seeking medical care.

Prohibits specified presidential authorities, including the authority to transfer excess defense articles, furnish military training and education, or finance the procurement of defense articles, from being used to provide assistance to, and prohibits licenses for direct commercial sales of military equipment from being issued to, the government of a country that has engaged in a violation of medical neutrality. Makes such prohibition on assistance effective for a minimum of one fiscal year, after which the President may reinstate such assistance. Authorizes the President to temporarily waive the prohibitions in the interest of national security.

States the policy of the United States concerning the protection of medical neutrality.

Requires the Secretary to deny the issuance of a visa to any alien that is or was engaged in or has organized any act that is a violation of medical neutrality.

Directs the heads of U.S. diplomatic and consular missions to investigate all reports of violations of medical neutrality.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Jun 14, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **May 16, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E684-685)
- **May 16, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.