

HR 940

Health Care Conscience Rights Act

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 12, 2013)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Mar 12, 2013
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Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Mar 15, 2013
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Mar 15, 2013
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Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Mar 18, 2013
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 18, 2013
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Mar 18, 2013
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Mar 18, 2013
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Mar 18, 2013
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Mar 18, 2013
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Mar 19, 2013
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Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Mar 25, 2013
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Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Apr 9, 2013
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Apr 9, 2013
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Apr 9, 2013
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Apr 9, 2013
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Apr 9, 2013
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Apr 9, 2013
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Apr 9, 2013
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Apr 10, 2013
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Apr 10, 2013
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Apr 10, 2013

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Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Apr 10, 2013
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Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Apr 23, 2013
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Apr 23, 2013
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Apr 23, 2013
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Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Apr 23, 2013
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Apr 24, 2013
Rep. Amash, Justin [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Apr 26, 2013
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		May 6, 2013
Rep. Cotton, Tom [R-AR-4]	R · AR		May 6, 2013
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		May 14, 2013
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		May 14, 2013
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Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		May 14, 2013
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		May 14, 2013
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-3]	R · IA		May 15, 2013
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		May 15, 2013
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		May 16, 2013
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		May 16, 2013
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		May 16, 2013
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		May 16, 2013
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		May 20, 2013
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Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		May 20, 2013
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		May 20, 2013
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		May 20, 2013
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		May 20, 2013
Rep. Salmon, Matt [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		May 20, 2013
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		May 20, 2013
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		May 20, 2013
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		May 20, 2013
Rep. Young, Todd [R-IN-9]	R · IN		May 20, 2013
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		May 22, 2013
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		May 22, 2013
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		May 22, 2013
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		May 22, 2013
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		May 22, 2013
Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25]	R · CA		May 23, 2013

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Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		May 24, 2013
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		May 24, 2013
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jun 3, 2013
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jun 4, 2013
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jun 4, 2013
Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Hurt, Robert [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Jun 18, 2013
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jun 26, 2013
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jul 8, 2013
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Jul 8, 2013
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Jul 17, 2013
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jul 17, 2013
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Jul 25, 2013
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Sep 27, 2013
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Oct 7, 2013
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Nov 13, 2013
Rep. Stutzman, Marlin A. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Nov 13, 2013
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Dec 3, 2013
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Dec 9, 2013
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Jan 10, 2014
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Jan 13, 2014
Rep. McAllister, Vance M. [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jan 16, 2014
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jan 21, 2014
Rep. Jolly, David [R-FL-13]	R · FL		May 13, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1204	Identical bill	Jun 20, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
113 S 137	Related bill	Jan 24, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Health Care Conscience Rights Act - Amends title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to declare that nothing in such title shall require an individual to purchase individual health insurance coverage that includes coverage of an abortion or other item or service to which the individual has a moral or religious objection, or prevent an issuer from offering or issuing, to that individual, individual coverage excluding such item or service.

Makes similar denials about requiring a sponsor to sponsor, purchase, or provide such coverage, or a health insurance issuer or group health plan sponsor to cover an abortion or other item or service to which the sponsor or issuer has a moral or religious objection.

Denies also that such title authorizes imposition of a tax, penalty, fee, fine, or other sanction, or imposition of coverage of such an item or service, in relation to health insurance coverage or a group health plan that excludes such an item or service.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to codify the prohibition against any action by the federal government and any state or local government receiving federal financial assistance to subject a health professional, a hospital, a provider-sponsored organization, a health maintenance organization, an accountable care organization, a health insurance plan, or any other kind of health care facility, organization, or plan to discrimination on the basis that the entity refuses to participate in abortion-related activities.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate the Director of the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to receive and investigate complaints alleging a violation of abortion discrimination prohibition.

Creates a cause of action for the Attorney General or any person or entity adversely affected to obtain equitable or legal relief for any violation of this abortion discrimination prohibition. Allows commencement of an action to be commenced and the granting of relief without a prerequisite pursuit of administrative remedies. Allows such an action against a federal or state governmental entity.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 12, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 4, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.