

S 2066

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

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| Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR] | R · AR | | Sep 24, 2015 |
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| Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL] | R · AL | | Oct 1, 2015 |
| Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID] | R · ID | | Oct 8, 2015 |
| Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC] | R · SC | | Oct 8, 2015 |
| Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA] | R · LA | | Oct 21, 2015 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS] | R · MS | | Oct 22, 2015 |
| Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] | R · MS | | Oct 22, 2015 |
| Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR] | R · AR | | Oct 29, 2015 |
| Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA] | R · LA | | Mar 10, 2016 |
| Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] | R · SD | | May 25, 2016 |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND] | R · ND | | Jul 7, 2016 |
| Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA] | R · GA | | Sep 22, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Sep 22, 2015 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 HR 3504 | Identical bill | Sep 22, 2015: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 236. |

Summary (as of Sep 22, 2015)

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

This bill amends the federal criminal code to require any health care practitioner who is present when a child is born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion to: (1) exercise the same degree of care as reasonably provided to any other child born alive at the same gestational age, and (2) ensure that such child is immediately admitted to a hospital. The term "born alive" means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut.

Also, a health care practitioner or other employee who has knowledge of a failure to comply with these requirements must immediately report such failure to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

An individual who violates the provisions of this Act is subject to a criminal fine, up to five years in prison, or both.

An individual who commits an overt act that kills a child born alive is subject to criminal prosecution for murder.

The legislation bars the criminal prosecution of a mother of a child born alive for conspiracy to violate the provisions of this Act, for being an accessory after the fact, or for concealment of felony.

A woman who undergoes an abortion or attempted abortion may file a civil action for damages against an individual who violates this Act.

Actions Timeline

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