

## S 217

Women's Health Protection Act of 2015

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### Sponsor

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## Cosponsors (35 total)

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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 9, 2016
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 28, 2016
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 15, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 21, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 448	Related bill	Jan 23, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Jan 21, 2015)

#### Women's Health Protection Act of 2015

This bill prohibits any government from imposing on abortion services:

- a requirement that a medical professional perform specific tests or medical procedures;
- a requirement that the same clinician who performs a patient's abortion also perform additional tests, services or procedures;
- a limitation on an abortion provider's ability to prescribe or dispense drugs or provide services via telemedicine;
- a requirement or limitation concerning the physical plant, equipment, staffing, or hospital transfer arrangements of facilities where abortions are performed, or the credentials, hospital privileges, or status of personnel at those facilities;
- a requirement that, prior to obtaining an abortion, a patient make medically unnecessary in-person visits to any individual or entity;
- a limitation on medical training for abortion procedures;
- a prohibition prior to fetal viability;
- a prohibition after fetal viability when continuation of the pregnancy would pose a risk to the woman's life or health;
- a restriction on a woman's ability to obtain an immediate abortion when a delay would pose a risk to the woman's health; or
- a restriction on obtaining an abortion prior to fetal viability based on a woman's reasons or perceived reasons or that requires her to state her reasons before obtaining an abortion.

A measure or action that is similar to a requirement or limitation listed above is prohibited if it singles out abortion services or makes abortion services more difficult to access and does not significantly advance women's health or the safety of abortion services.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jan 21, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 21, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.