

## S 304

### Motor Vehicle Safety Whistleblower Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jan 29, 2015

**Current Status:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.

**Latest Action:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill. (Jul 14, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/304>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 29, 2015
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jan 29, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 13, 2015
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HRES 822	Procedurally related	<b>Jul 13, 2016:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
114 S 2927	Related bill	<b>May 12, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
114 HR 4828	Related bill	<b>Mar 25, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Conscience Protection Act of 2016**

(Sec. 3) This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to codify the prohibition against the federal government and state and local governments that receive federal financial assistance for health-related activities penalizing or discriminating against a health care provider based on the provider's refusal to be involved in, or provide coverage for, abortion. Health care providers include health care professionals, health care facilities, social services providers, health care professional training programs, and health insurers.

The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Department of Justice (DOJ), must investigate complaints alleging discrimination based on an individual's religious belief, moral conviction, or refusal to be involved in an abortion.

DOJ or any entity adversely affected by such discrimination may obtain equitable or legal relief in a civil action.

Administrative remedies do not need to be sought or exhausted prior to commencing an action or granting relief. Such an action may be brought against a governmental entity.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 14, 2016:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Rule H. Res. 822 passed House.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** ORDER OF PROCEDURE - Mrs. Blackburn asked unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on S. 304 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 822. (consideration: CR H4844-4860)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 764. The resolution makes in order a motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 764.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on S. 304.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Ms. Wasserman Schultz moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (consideration: CR H4859; text: CR H4859)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the motion to recommit with instructions, pending the reservation of a point of order. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add a section to the bill prohibiting the provisions of section 3 from applying to the extent that such provisions would reduce access to health care services to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the Zika virus. The reservation was subsequently withdrawn.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the motion to recommit with instructions, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the motion, and by voice vote, announced that the nays had prevailed. Ms. Wasserman Shultz demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the motion until a time to be announced.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4866)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 182 - 244 (Roll no. 442).
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 245 - 182 (Roll no. 443).(text: CR H4844-4845)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 245 - 182 (Roll no. 443). (text: CR H4844-4845)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 822 Reported to House. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 764. The resolution makes in order a motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 764.
- **May 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Apr 28, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2487-2488; text as passed Senate: CR S2487-2488)
- **Apr 28, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2487-2488; text as passed Senate: CR S2487-2488)
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-13.
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 36.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 29, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 29, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S655-656)