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Abortion Non-Discrimination Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 11, 2015
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 26, 2015
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Dec 17, 2015
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 2, 2016
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 28, 2016

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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Amends the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the federal government and any state or local government receiving federal financial assistance from subjecting an institutional or individual health care entity, including any health professional, facility, organization, or insurance plan, to discrimination on the basis that the entity refuses to participate in abortion-related activities.

Creates a cause of action for any violation of the abortion discrimination prohibition. Gives federal courts jurisdiction to prevent and redress actual or threatened violations by issuing legal or equitable relief, including injunctions and orders preventing the disbursement of all or a portion of federal financial assistance until the prohibited conduct has ceased. Gives standing to institute an action to affected health care entities and the Attorney General.

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

Actions Timeline

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